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Coal sell-off plan raises safety fears

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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■ British Coal is to be split into five regions for sale, and safety underground will revert to private management, say new plans to be announced this month

BRITISH Coal is to be split into five groups ready for sale next spring, according to draft plans that are almost certain to cause more embarrassment for the government after the controversies over rail and jail privatisation programmes.

Changes in safety rules are expected to be fiercely resisted, particularly in the wake of the Bilsthorpe roof collapse that killed three men last month, and miners will also be angered by the prospect of reduced redundancy payments.

Under the draft proposals, due to be announced by the energy minister Tim Eggar within the next three weeks, responsibility for underground safety is to be taken from the pit deputies and handed to the new private pit owners, monitored by a government inspectorate.



Eggar: draft proposals within three weeks

In doing this, the government appears to have given way to intense pressure from British Coal for the ending of the deputies' statutory safety role. British Coal, whose managers may be among the bidders for the privatised pits, wants coalface team leaders to concentrate on maximising output, with separate officials responsible for safety, claiming this would enhance both safety and productivity.

But the idea is likely to face stiff opposition from both Nacods, the pit deputies' union, and the National Union of Mineworkers, which believe that pressure to increase productivity may have contributed to the deaths at Bilsthorpe. The proposals also pose a profound threat to Nacods, which helped the government to defeat the year-long miners' strike by ensuring that pits could stay open.

The privatisation bill, to be introduced to Parliament in November, is also expected to upset both miners and the new pit owners with its stipulations on contracts for the current workforce. A draft statement prepared for Mr Eggar suggests that bidders who take over British Coal businesses will have to honour existing employment contracts — and that could lead to a rush for the British Coal's current redundancy terms, since they offer far better payouts than miners could expect under their contracts.

But bidders are also likely to protest loudly about their obligation to re-hire the existing workforce and to include service with British Coal when calculating any redundancy payments in the future.

There is also likely to be discontent within the industry over the way the coalfields are split up for sale. Government advisers originally favoured dividing the 21 core pits into three groups, packaging deep mines and opencast operations together on a regional basis. British Coal supported that proposal, but now the pits have been reshuffled at Mr Eggar's insistence and industry sources suspect that the resultant packages may be less attractive to buyers. There are suggestions that private companies may prefer to lease other pits already declared surplus by British Coal.

Under current plans, the Longannet deep mine near Clackmannan will be sold along with Scottish opencast pits as a single business. But instead of selling mines in Yorkshire and the North East as a single unit as earlier intended, they will be separated. The North East group is expected ot include no more than two deep mines: Ellington, near Morpeth and perhaps the tricky Wearmouth Colliery at Sunderland which was earmarked for closure last autumn. The plum in teh package will be the huge Stobswood opencast pit in Northumberland, which has more than 12 million tonnes of reserves. Ten deep mines in the Yorkshire coalfield, including the modern Selby complex, will be offered separately. Deep mines in both regions are operated by members of the National Union of Mineworkers.

A similar division will be made in the Midlands group, which was to have included Tower Colliery near Aberdare in South Wales, where British Coal is seeking redundancies, as well as the highly-profitable South Wales opencast anthracite operations. Midlands will now be made up only of the six Nottinghamshire pits manned by members of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, plus the Daw Mill mine near Coventry and Littleton near Cannock.

The fate of the 12 pits reprieved by the government for "market testing" remains unclear. Some could be included in the regional groupings, but British Coal has yet to agree any contracts with electricity generating companies.

☐ Libya is said to have agreed "in principle" to invest up to £5 million in the Monktonhall pit in Lothian, which is run by redundant miners. But the pit's financial advisers to the pit, merchant bankers Quayle Munro, called the approach "somewhat ill-conceived".

Support from a friend for stricken pop star Michael Jackson



The actress Elizabeth Taylor, left, accompanying her friend Michael Jackson as the pop singer leaves Mt Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore after a brain scan. He was pronounced "totally fit" after his abrupt cancellation of a performance because of a chronic headache or migraine. Report, page 3

Peace plan could open US doors to PLO

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON, CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

THE Clinton administration yesterday indicated that it might end its three-year ban on contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organisation as Israel and the Palestinians agreed an outline for control of the West Bank and Gaza.

Delegations to the reopened Washington peace talks set to work yesterday on details of the historic plan to give the Palestinians partial self-government in the occupied territories approved in principle by the Israeli cabinet on Monday night.

The Israeli government foresees the new agreement leading to an eventual federation linking Jordan with a Palestinian-ruled West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to a statement issued by the Israeli embassy in Paris last night. It said Israel remained opposed to the creation of an independent Palestinian state and would keep control of Jerusalem.

In Washington, Itamar Rabinovich, the Israeli ambassador, predicted that a Gaza-Jericho agreement would be signed within two weeks, though Palestinian and US officials cautioned that many obstacles were still to be surmounted.

It emerged meanwhile that the plan called for Palestinian control of internal policing of the territories, and PLO sources said the organisation had begun retraining the Jordan brigade of the Palestine Liberation Army for that role; the new unit, to be known as the Palestine Central Security Force, will eventually be about 17,000 strong and based in the West Bank and Gaza.

Israeli officials said they would allow Palestinians to enter the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Jordan to serve in the police, but dismissed reports that there were plans to arm groups affiliated to the PLO.

Israel had a "vital interest" in a strong Palestinian force to control the area and check the power of hardline groups opposed to the peace.

Under the accord being negotiated the Palestinians will take over most functions of the Israeli military government, including internal security and policing, after Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho.

Yesterday Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, said that Israel would undertake to withdraw troops from both areas four months after the agreement is signed, but details of the pull-out remain unclear. Some Palestinian radicals accused Israel of plotting to set the two Palestinian factions at each other's throats. But Mr Arafat spoke confidently of the new force's ability:

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Heart baby survives after operation in the womb

FROM JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT, IN NICE

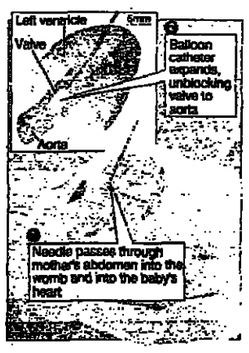
THE first successful heart operation performed on an unborn baby in the womb has been announced by a team of doctors at Guy's Hospital in London.

The baby, a girl born six weeks after the operation, is now alive and well at two years old. Her heart was unable to pump the blood round her body because of a blockage and without the surgery she would have died at birth.

Details of the British team's triumph were made public yesterday at a meeting of the European Society of Cardiology in Nice. Professor Michael Tynan, consultant paediatric cardiologist at Guy's, said the team was elated but remained cautious. "We feel this operation helped the baby, but we cannot say whether it is a breakthrough yet. We have a survivor, which shows the procedure works, and both mother and baby are well."

Guy's Hospital is the only centre in the world performing heart surgery on unborn babies in the womb. Professor Tynan and his colleagues have operated on four foetuses over the past three years, but only one has survived.

In two cases the procedure failed and in one, the baby, Michele Vermilio, from Colchester, Essex, lived for only five weeks after a premature birth in February 1990. All would have died immediately after birth without surgery.



Professor Tynan declined to name the baby girl, who is from northern Italy, but said he was seeking her parents' permission. Huge publicity surrounding the earlier attempts at foetal surgery in the womb had caused him to keep the team's success secret until the baby's long-term survival was assured.

Dr Shakeel Qureshi, a consultant paediatric cardiologist at Guy's and a member of the surgical team, said that a defect in the baby's heart was detected at the parents' local hospital in Italy. "The specialist who spotted the defect knew we had attempted to repair it in the womb at Guy's, and contacted us to see if we could help," he said. The mother was flown to London and operated on when she was

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Howard aims to cut prison red tape

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE prison service is to be overhauled, cutting out red tape and improving efficiency, to give prison governors greater control of their jails.

As Michael Howard, the home secretary, prepares to announce plans for further privatisation, staff at prison service headquarters are bracing themselves for a far-reaching shake-up. Mr Howard's proposals for further privatisation follow a review by Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, about the role and scope of the private sector in running Britain's 133 penal establishments.

His plans for more contracting-out have provoked strong opposition from the Labour party, prison officers and penal reform groups, but has been welcomed by private-sector security firms anxious to bid to run prisons.

Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, accused the government of allowing ideology to triumph over commonsense. "It is very foolish to go further down the road of privatisation before the result of the first privatisation can be assessed," he said.

The Prison Officers' Association, whose members took part in a successful bid to run Strangeways prison in Manchester, threatened industrial action if the government pressed ahead. In private, however, officials are uncertain about whether members would respond to a strike call. "It is easy for the executive to call for industrial action," one officer said, "but when there are 3 million people unemployed members will think very hard."

Group 4, which runs the Wolds remand centre on Humberside, predicted that eventually the private sector

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Czechs and Slovaks woo the A-level rejects

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

ONE of Europe's most ancient universities, the Charles University in Prague, is courting student victims of this summer's squeeze on higher education places.

The historic university, the alma mater of Franz Kafka and Jan Hus, is offering places as part of a recruitment drive by institutions in the fledgling Czech and Slovak republics.

Candidates who narrowly missed the A-level grades required for courses at British redbricks are leaping at the opportunity of studying at the distinguished university, founded by the Czech king Charles IV in 1348. The consortium of Czech and Slovak universities, which is co-ordinating recruitment in Britain, has had more than 300 enquiries from applicants making alternative plans after receiving disappointing A-level results ten days ago.

Many achieved grade As but narrowly missed their British choice of place because they slipped up in one subject. This year's record pass rate has forced admissions tutors to reject many candidates who failed to meet their target grades precisely.

American and Canadian colleges are also seeking British students, particularly for arts and social sciences courses where competition is acute after funding cuts. Tennessee Wesleyan College is scouting the North East with an eye to sporting talent.

The Charles University is offering the bulk of 200 places in medicine and dentistry, with the rest at the University of Bratislava, the Slovak capital. Overseas students are seen as a lucrative source of foreign currency. Hekmat Kaveh, co-ordinator of the consortium, based at Abbey College in Malvern Wells, Hereford and Worcester, said that although students would have to pay annual fees of about £5,000, living costs would be sharply lower: "The cost of living comes to just over £1,000 — half of what it would cost on a British campus."

The General Medical Council said that medical courses in the Czech and Slovak republics were under review to establish whether they were up to standard. "At present we are unable to say that just because someone goes over and gets a degree he will be accepted by the GMC," a spokesman said.

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Major sticks by News at Ten

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

THE prime minister made clear yesterday his continued fierce opposition to fresh moves to change the timing of ITN's *News at Ten*.

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, was also urged to intervene without delay by Peter Mandelson, Labour MP for Hartlepool, after Marcus Plantin, director of ITV Network Centre, indicated he was still keen to switch the bulletin to an earlier slot.

Mr Mandelson recently sponsored a Commons motion signed by 100 MPs calling for *News at Ten* to be saved. The prime minister wrote to Sir George Russell, chairman of the Independent Television Commission, in June expressing grave concern over the plans.

Yesterday Downing Street stressed that Mr Major was still against moving the programme. "The prime minister's view has not changed," said a Downing Street spokesman. "He will expect his views to be taken into consideration."

While Mr Major obviously had no control over programme timing, he was free to express his views "trenchantly".

Mr Mandelson said: "The choice of peak-time news broadcasting is vital for democracy and it goes to the heart of public concerns about the future of ITV and its current affairs coverage." He called on Mr Brooke to announce a wide-ranging review of the Broadcasting Act.

ITV sources last night stressed that it was keen to schedule a 15-minute bulletin at 11pm as well as a 30-minute slot at 6.30pm or 7pm.

Andrew Quinn, chief executive of the ITV Network Centre, is expected to outline his plans at a meeting of the ITV council next Monday.

ITV will try to reach a compromise solution over its plans at a meeting with senior executives of Independent Television News, the programme's maker, at a confidential liaison committee meeting on September 21. ITN has produced *News At Ten* for 26 years and is keen to keep the programme in its high-profile 10pm slot.

Twins celebrate identical success with their A-level results



Identical twins Simon and Dominic O'Brien achieved grade As in the same three A-level subjects. The 18-year-olds, from Alnwick in Northumberland, also achieved the same nine straight As in the GCSE. Their double life will continue at Cambridge University, where they will study natural science, but at different colleges. They attended Duchess's High School, Alnwick. Degree vacancies, page 28

Broadmoor accused of racism by enquiry into patient's death

BY RICHARD DUCE

■ **Afro-Caribbean patients say they live in terror at Broadmoor, fearful that the authorities are trying to "kill them off"**

BROADMOOR Hospital is accused of racism in a critical report into the death of a black patient.

The independent enquiry that followed the death of Orville Blackwood in 1991 after he was injected with tranquillisers found no evidence that he had been victimised or physically abused by staff.

However, the report, published yesterday and subtitled *Big, Black and Dangerous?*, concludes: "There is racism in Broadmoor Hospital. It is not on the whole deliberate or necessarily conscious, although there was some evidence of direct racism."

The report, by Professor Herschel Prins, of the Midlands Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice at Loughborough University, which also looked at the deaths of two other black patients, Joseph Watts in 1984 and Michael Martin in 1988, makes 47 recommendations about the running of Broadmoor, at Crowthorne in Berkshire, and says that the "prime concern of staff seems to be control and management and not care".

Among the main findings are a need for better control of drug prescriptions and a review of the solitary confinement rules.

The report also calls for greater attempts to be made to recruit staff from ethnic minorities, as about 15 per cent of the 500 patients are of Afro-Caribbean origin.

The report notes that when the enquiry team first visited Broadmoor two months after Blackwood's death, his "name on the patients' list of the occupational therapy office wall was crossed through with 'R.I.P' annotated against it, and nearby a copy of a magazine cartoon of Orville the Duck was still visible".

Blackwood, 31, of Stockwell, south London, was admitted to Broadmoor in 1987. He had a history of petty crime and mental illness and was diagnosed as psychotic. He suffered a heart attack after he was injected with two drugs, Sparine and Modecate, to calm him at the hospital's special care unit.

Professor Prins recommends a review of the use of Sparine, a sedative considered "idiosyncratic" to Broadmoor, as part of a general review of drugs used by the hospital on disturbed patients. He also says that a hospital policy on measuring drug levels should be devised and the treatment of patients without their permission should be monitored.

The report says that reliance on medication to control Afro-Caribbean patients has a "worrying side". Ethnic minority patients were terrified that the authorities were "killing them off".

Professor Prins also recommends that there should be some form of external examination by consultant managers of changes made at Broadmoor and that the enquiry team be invited back for a further reviews. However, both these proposals were rejected yesterday by Charles Kaye, chief executive of the Special Hospitals Service Authority, which runs Broadmoor.

Mr Kaye admitted that the race problems highlighted in the 87-page report were "an important element to be aware of". Since the report was seen by Broadmoor management in July, the hospital had been working to improve the "empathy" between staff and people from different cultures, especially Afro-Caribbeans.

Frank Mone, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association at Broadmoor, denied there was a particular problem of racism in the hospital. "The staff are expected to take the brunt of anything that goes wrong in this hospital. We are made the fall guys and that is to the shame of the hospital management."

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Lawson urges tax curb

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LORD Lawson of Blaby, the former Chancellor, yesterday attacked John Major's decision to uprate child benefit two years ago and argued that universal benefits should now be scrapped in favour of protecting the poor.

Lord Lawson also argued against increasing taxation in the November Budget. "It would be quite unnecessary, both in economic and political terms, to increase basic or higher rates of income tax or to increase corporation tax."

He said that the decision to uprate child benefit in line with inflation in 1991 after it had been frozen when he was Chancellor was "a mistake".

Calling for a social security net for the "underclass" rather than benefits for everyone, Lord Lawson said on BBC Radio 4: "It is increasingly being realised that it is quite impossible to afford massive universal benefits going on and on and up and up."

His comments followed a weekend speech where he argued that market capitalism could not eliminate poverty.

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Overhaul of jails planned

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would manage 25 per cent of the penal system, and that it wanted to operate at least ten prisons. John Bates, a spokesman, said: "Group 4 is very well placed to respond to future opportunities. We have invested a great deal in people and expertise, and we are keen to develop our business."

The shake-up at headquarters is likely to result in a more streamlined organisation, with less bureaucracy. Mr Lewis believes the short experiment in private involvement has proved an agent for change in the centralised prison system.

He wants a progressive devolution of management powers to governors who will be more accountable for the performance of their prisons.

Changes at headquarters are expected to follow the pay and regrading review now taking place. Many key figures are Home Office officials for whom work in the service is part of an overall career pattern. Some Whitehall officials would like top managers to see their long-term careers in the service.

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Guy's team operates on baby in womb

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31 weeks pregnant. She was treated on the NHS under a reciprocal arrangement with other EC countries to provide treatment not available in a patient's home country.

Tests showed that the baby was suffering from aortic stenosis, a condition in which the outlet valve from the baby's heart to the aorta, the main artery supplying the body, was narrowed, restricting the flow of blood.

The operation, carried out under local anaesthetic, with the mother conscious, involved inserting a hollow needle through the mother's abdomen, through the chest of the foetus and into its heart, which at that stage of pregnancy is about the size of a broad bean. "The hard part was finding the hole in the valve, which was about one twenty-thousandth of an inch across," Professor Tynan said. "In a normal foetus it would be about a quarter of an inch." Once the needle was in place, a catheter carrying a tiny balloon was introduced into the valve and inflated to force it open, easing the blood flow. But as the doctors were withdrawing the balloon it became stuck in the wall of the baby's heart. "We could not get it out," Professor Tynan said. "We had to make a quick decision. We gave it a sharp tug, and it broke."



Tynan: "Baby proves our procedure works"

The balloon remains embedded, and ultrasound scans have since shown that the heart muscle has grown around it. Professor Tynan said it was unlikely to cause problems.

The baby will need more surgery to replace the heart valve when she is a teenager. Because of the high risks, the surgery is justified only in babies suffering lethal conditions, Professor Tynan said, but in so[illegible] the baby's heart is so damaged by the time of delivery that it is a scarred mass, unable to pump properly. "Most parents in Britain when told they have a baby with a congenital heart problem of this severity, choose not to go on with the pregnancy. That is why we have not had a lot of patients on whom it would have been ethical to operate," he said. In the last ten years the operation could have been considered on 20 foetuses at Guy's. All died before or soon after birth, he said.

The four-strong team which carried out the surgery included Darryl Maxwell, consultant obstetrician; Professor Lindsey Allan, professor of foetal cardiology; Professor Tynan and Dr Qureshi, who predicted rapid advances in foetal surgery. "This is just the start," he said.

Lamont takes up post with N M Rothschild

Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, is to return to Rothschilds after his 14 years' service as a minister. He becomes a non-executive director of N M Rothschild, the merchant bank, from today and is expected to become involved with its activities in Central and Eastern Europe and international privatisation. During his time as Chancellor he was a strong supporter of market-oriented reforms in the former Soviet bloc.

Before becoming a junior minister in May 1979, when Lady Thatcher formed her first government, Mr Lamont had worked at Rothschilds for 11 years. He ended up as a director of its asset management subsidiary. Mr Lamont has had a number of approaches from outside bodies since he left the government at the end of May. The directorship with Rothschilds is his first business appointment.

Injured cricketer dies

A professional cricketer has died in hospital after being hit in the eye as he batted without a helmet in a North Lancashire League game. Ian Folley, 30, a former Lancashire county player, mishooked a ball while playing for Whitehaven and was hit under his right eye. He died under anaesthetic at the West Cumberland Infirmary on Monday. An inquest will open today. Arthur Brown, club secretary, said that Mr Folley did not like wearing helmets. "It was a short-pitched ball, nothing vicious. Afterwards he was totally coherent and told me not to worry."

Cleaners lose test case

A group of 107 hospital cleaners, whose pay was cut when their jobs were put out to competitive tender, lost their claim for unfair dismissal in a test case yesterday. The cleaners at Orsett Hospital, Thurrock, Essex, argued they had been technically dismissed when they were rehired by new employers at lower rates of pay. But the Employment Appeal Tribunal rejected the cleaners' case, which, if won, would have had far-reaching implications for the contracting-out process. The cleaners' union is expected to challenge the ruling in an appeal to the European Court.

MP seeks law change

An MP is to press for a change in the law after a man died 16 months after being attacked — too long for a serious charge to be brought against his assailant. Michael Gibson, 22, of Darlington, co. Durham, died in hospital on Monday after lying in a coma since the attack. David Clark, 23, had been jailed for two years for grievous bodily harm. Alan Milburn, Labour MP for Darlington, said: "It is outrageous that due to a 17th century law stating a victim has to die within a year and a day for the attacker to face a more serious charge, the man responsible may be free by Christmas."

Bomb plotters jailed

Two men caught with an IRA bomb, Jervis Marks, 27, and Colin Coyle, 22, were sentenced to 15 and 14 years respectively yesterday after they admitted conspiracy to murder, conspiring to cause an explosion and possessing explosives. Coyle also admitted being a member of the IRA for four months. The men were caught when they went to a derelict builders' yard in Newry, co. Down, where they live, to dismantle the 2 kilogram Semtex bomb. Lord Justice MacDermott said at Belfast Crown Court that they had planned "a murderous attack on the security forces".

£100,000 pledge for girl

An American who pledged $150,000 dollars (£100,000) was one of hundreds of callers reported last night to have responded to a new £1 million appeal for five-year-old Laura Davies, right, from Eccles, Greater Manchester. The Pittsburgh hospital where Laura is being treated says that the bowel she received last year is not working and that she needs a new liver, stomach, intestines and kidneys.



Palace pays by results

Royal staff are to have their pay linked to their performance, Buckingham Palace confirmed yesterday. "Introduction of PRP is in line with the best practice in the private and public sectors," a spokesman said. He denied a report that this year's wage increase was being cut from 1.5 per cent to 1 per cent to fund the introduction of the new system.

Briton found hanged

Danish police said a British tennis coach hanged himself in a Copenhagen jail before he was due to be deported after conviction for drug offences. Hugh Wauchope, 31, of Brixton, south London, was found dead on August 24 in a prison bathroom. He was jailed for 30 days on August 10 for dealing in and possessing cannabis.

Murderer confesses

A five-year mystery over who killed and dismembered the body of a young woman was solved when a former civil servant walked into a police station and confessed, the Old Bailey was told. Conor Downey, 24, of Woking, Surrey, strangled Suzy Reddan, 26, after a chance meeting outside the flats where he then lived in Kilburn, northwest London, in 1988. He then panicked, dismembered the body and dumped the pieces in dustbins, the court was told. He was jailed for three years after admitting manslaughter and perverting the course of justice.

PC jailed for trying to kill wife after partner-swap ended

BY LIN JENKINS

A POLICEMAN who tried to kill his wife after they swapped partners with friends was jailed for four years by the Old Bailey yesterday.

Constable Paul Hutchins, 42, beat and tried to strangle his wife Elizabeth after she told him she was seeking a separation. He wrapped a dressing gown cord round her neck, then grasped her with his hands and tried to strangle her with electrical cord.

Mrs Hutchins, 40, a nurse, told an earlier hearing: "He told me I would never be allowed to leave him. Only as a widow or dead. I remember thinking I was going to die. I kept begging him ... but he said nothing."

Judge Michael Coombe said the attack ended only because she fought for her life and Hutchins became too exhausted to kill her. After hearing evidence that he was suffering from reactive depression at the time and had been treated for testicular cancer, the judge sentenced him to four years' imprisonment.

He told Hutchins, who was convicted last month of attempted murder, that he was as responsible for his matrimonial unhappiness as any of the others involved in the wife swapping.

Hutchins, of East Molesey, Surrey, had begun an affair with the wife of his best friend, a colleague in the Metropolitan police. Mrs Hutchins then had an affair with the best friend.

"It was a dreadful attempt to murder her," Judge Coombe said. However, he dismissed advice from doctors and probation officers that Hutchins be given his liberty so that he could receive medical help. "That is not consistent with my duty to the public," he said.

No police officer received preferential treatment, he said, but added: "He is not only of good character but has served his community well for over 20 years in an occupation which is as useful and necessary as any in this country in these days of lawlessness."

The court was told that Hutchins suggested that he and his wife should have "kinky" parties with their friends. Mrs Hutchins said that on three occasions the couples ended up in bed, having swapped partners. Mrs Hutchins told an earlier hearing that her husband, who had been unfaithful for much of their 20-year marriage, was always wanting to find ways to spice their relationship. In May last year he had forced her to have sexual intercourse against her will after she told him that she found his friend attractive.

"That night he physically abused me. He seemed to think it was all right for him to find the other woman attractive but he could not take it when I said I felt the same way about her husband," she said.

Mrs Hutchins, a mother of four children aged between five and 17, said that she and the other man, referred to in court as Mr X, who has two children, began swapping partners in 1991 and that she stopped in July last year.

In August last year the two families went on holiday to Disneyworld in Florida. When she danced with Mr X, Hutchins became angry and began shouting obscenities.

Afterwards he dived into a pool at their chalets and lay face down as if dead. On their return home he attempted to hang himself from a banister and took overdoses. Hutchins underwent voluntary psychiatric treatment, but his mental state worsened when he discovered he had cancer.

Hutchins told the court he could not recall attacking his wife and was in a trance at the time. "To this day I have no memory of what happened. All I knew was that something bad had happened."



Hutchins: sentenced to four years in jail

Doctors declare Jackson 'totally fit' after brain scan

BY BEN MACINTYRE AND NICHOLAS WATT

MICHAEL Jackson was pronounced "totally fit" yesterday after doctors carried out a brain scan on the 35-year-old pop star. On Monday, he abruptly cancelled a performance in Singapore minutes before he was due to appear on stage, struck down, his aides said, by an intense headache or migraine.

"There's a Nobel Prize for the man who knows the cause of migraine," Dr David Forecast, Jackson's British doctor, said yesterday.

Aides insist that Jackson's health scare had nothing to do with an investigation in California into allegations that he sexually abused a teenager.

As Jackson issued a tape-recorded message apologising to 40,000 people who missed Monday's performance, his fans in London handed a petition to the Press Complaints Commission calling for an end to the "hate campaign" against him.

The focus of the investigation into allegations of child abuse made by Jordan Chandler, 13, has now switched to a tape recording. On Monday night, a Los Angeles television station broadcast excerpts from a recorded conversation allegedly between Dr Evan Chandler, the boy's father, and Jordan's step-father, the owner of a car-rental company.

"Michael's career will be over," says the man identified by CBS TV as Dr Chandler, a dentist. "It will be a massacre if I don't get what I want. This man is going to be humiliated beyond belief ... He will not sell one more record. If I go through with this, I win big time."

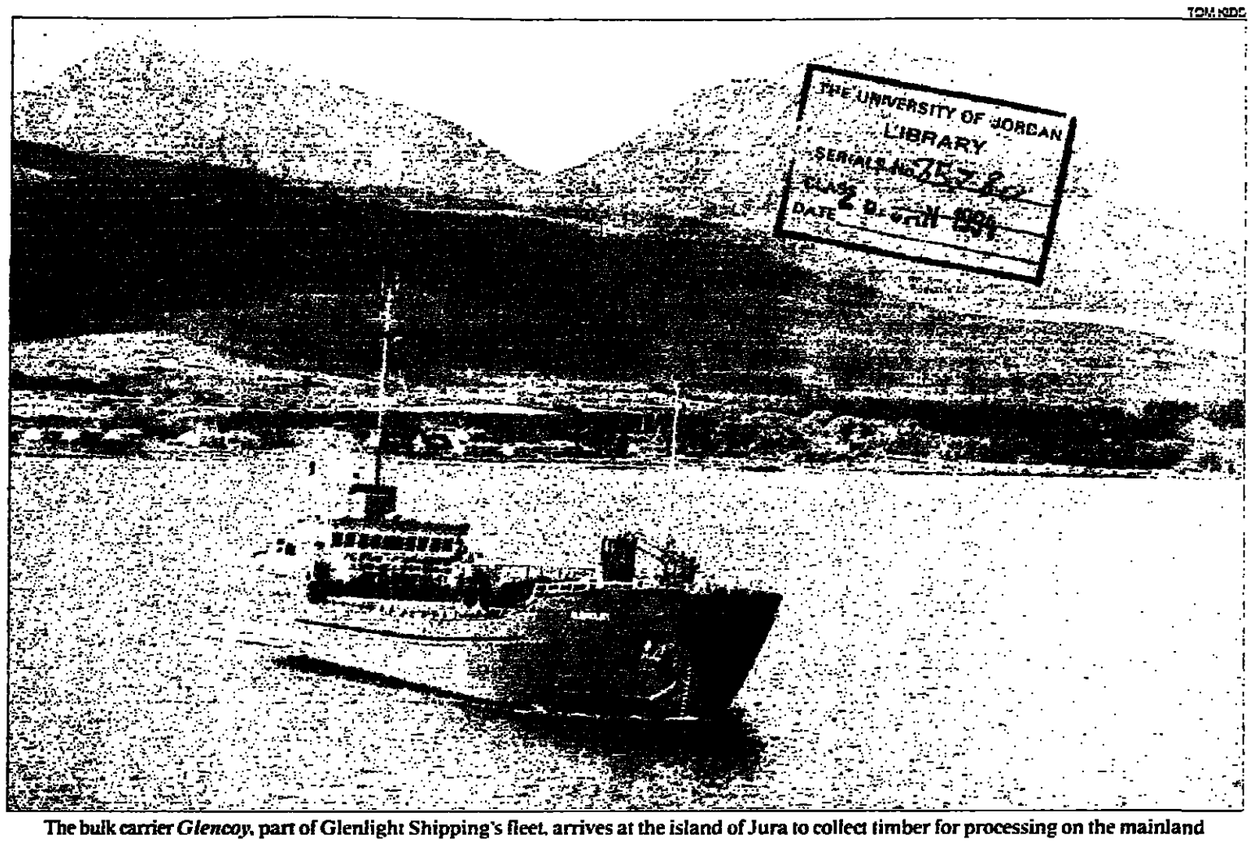
Anthony Pellicano, a private investigator who handles security for Jackson, insists the allegations are the result of a blackmail attempt by Dr Chandler, whom he claims demanded $20 million in backing for a film project in return for remaining silent about alleged sex abuse. "If somebody molested my child I'd probably rip his heart out of his chest," Mr Pellicano said. "I wouldn't sit and try to negotiate movie deals."

Mr Pellicano says he did not immediately inform the police of the alleged extortion attempt because he wanted to collect more solid evidence against Dr Chandler, and felt that if he told police, the information could leak to the media.

On Monday police searched another property used by Jackson, a three-bedroom flat at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, but after 30 minutes the officers left empty-handed.

☐ Sixty thousand tickets to two Jackson shows in Johannesburg, South Africa, were sold in an hour yesterday. A ticket agency said it had never experienced such demand. Jackson is scheduled to perform at the Ellis Park rugby stadium, home of the Transvaal team, on September 30 and October 2. Sports fixtures have been postponed to make way for him.

Freight lifeline to the isles under threat from growing losses



The bulk carrier *Glencoy*, part of Glenlight Shipping's fleet, arrives at the island of Jura to collect timber for processing on the mainland

Shipping firm sends out SOS for state cash

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

■ The company that carries vital heavy goods to the Scottish islands says it will not survive into 1994 without financial help

SCOTLAND'S remote island communities may lose a vital link with the mainland unless the government offers financial support.

Glenlight Shipping, which supplies all of the islands with coal, building materials and road salt, says it will stop the service at the end of the year if the government does not provide funding.

The firm has been in existence for more than 100 years and its bulk freight service is essential to the island communities, which rely on regular deliveries to maintain their infrastructure. The cross for the monastery on Iona was carried by Glenlight. Its coasters and barges also take valuable timber from the islands to the mainland for processing.

The company complements the activities of Caledonian MacBrayne, the state-owned passenger ferry service which also ships food to the islands. Alex Fawcett, managing director of Glenlight, said: "We consider CalMac to be a vital social link for the islands and we consider ourselves to be a vital commercial link."

Glenlight, a subsidiary of Clyde Shipping, made a pre-tax loss of £287,000 last year on turnover of £1.3 million. Costs have been cut, the ships upgraded and the workforce reduced, but Mr Fawcett said there was nothing more the group could do to make the service profitable. "No matter how efficient we are, it simply does not pay us to provide this service. We cannot go on providing a public service but funding it with private money."

The company last made a profit in 1986. The next year, the government removed Glenlight's deficit subsidy, under which it made good the company's losses. The subsidy amounted to £91,900 in 1986. CalMac still receives a deficit subsidy, more than £7 million last year.

The future of both Glenlight and CalMac is uncertain. Consultants have been appointed to look at the possible privatisation of CalMac and the Scottish Office has instigated a review of the tariff rebate system, which currently provides a subsidy of 10 to 40 per cent for some commodities shipped to the islands. Last year, Glenlight received about £350,000 from the scheme.

It is not only Glenlight's 50 employees who face losing their jobs if the company folds. Some islanders could become unemployed as a result and there could be a knock-on effect for Caledonian Paper Mill, on the mainland at Irvine, which processes wood from the islands.

Keith McGinn, a skipper who has been with Glenlight for 27 years, said: "It'll be very sad if this service goes. A lot of folk from the islands depend upon it. I don't know what I'll do."

Mr Fawcett said that at the end of the day the loss of the coasters would cost the government money. "Just now much of the bulk freight goes by sea, the most environmentally friendly way to transport heavy commodities. If we go, it will all have to go by road. Last year, we moved approximately 55,000 tonnes of bulk freight and 45,000 tonnes of round timber. To move an equivalent tonnage by road would take 5,000 20-tonne lorries.

"They would have to travel on some of the country's most scenic tourist routes and they would have to use the ferries that are already over-crowded with tourists in the summer."

The Scottish Office's review of the shipping services is expected to be finished in April. It said it was committed to providing vital services to the islands, but wanted to look at the best way to achieve this. Until then, the system would continue. But for those reliant on Glenlight Shipping, it may be too late. The company is adamant that it cannot afford to continue into 1994.

Fringe will wait in vain for Godot with rap

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

DRAMA lovers in Edinburgh hoping to catch the Fringe production of *Waiting for Godot* could end up waiting as long as Estragon and Vladimir, Samuel Beckett's two tramps.

The writer's agents, Samuel French, have banned the show 24 hours before the first performance on the ground that the artists have tampered with the play.

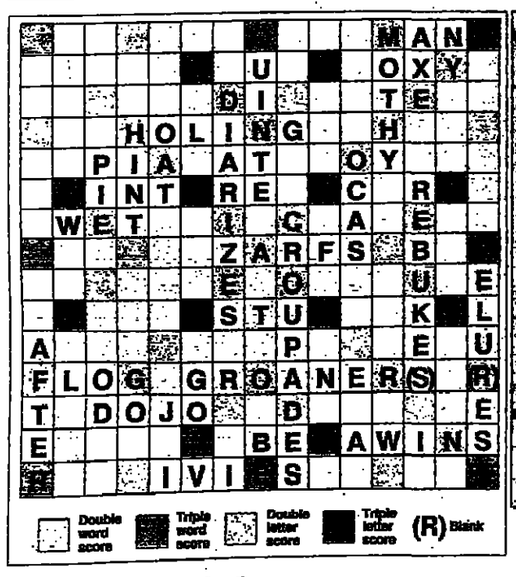
The church hall production by the Petrou-Showman company was said by a promotional leaflet to be a "radical new production set slap-bang in the 1990s". Estragon and Vladimir were described as "essentially genderless", paving the way for a woman in one of the roles. The addition of rap music and material from the Marx Brothers set more alarm bells ringing at the agents' offices.

Beckett stipulated that his plays must be performed exactly as written. Even every pause must be copied precisely. The rules are upheld by the Samuel Beckett Estate.

Lynn Nortcliff, of Samuel French, said: "It's very unfortunate. We certainly don't like doing it, but Samuel Beckett laid down strict rules. We do tend to monitor the Fringe fairly closely for obvious reasons, but it was largely by chance that we found out about this production."

Leloutha Petrou and Emma-Jayne Showman, who were producing the play, say they have adhered strictly to the text and followed all Beckett's stage directions. Miss Showman was to have played Estragon. They agree that their production "outlines the use of physical movement and uses rap music from the Stereo MC's, Kid Creole and the Coconuts and Wild Cherry. The opening sequence involving the Marx Brothers pays homage to the musical hall comedy tradition that inspired Beckett." The company, which spent £1,000 on the show, is refunding advance tickets.

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Mark Nyman and the final tournament board

Scrabbler turns a new leaf

BY IAN MURRAY

WORD weary after winning the World Scrabble Championship, Mark Nyman promised last night to give up reading dictionaries for the foreseeable future.

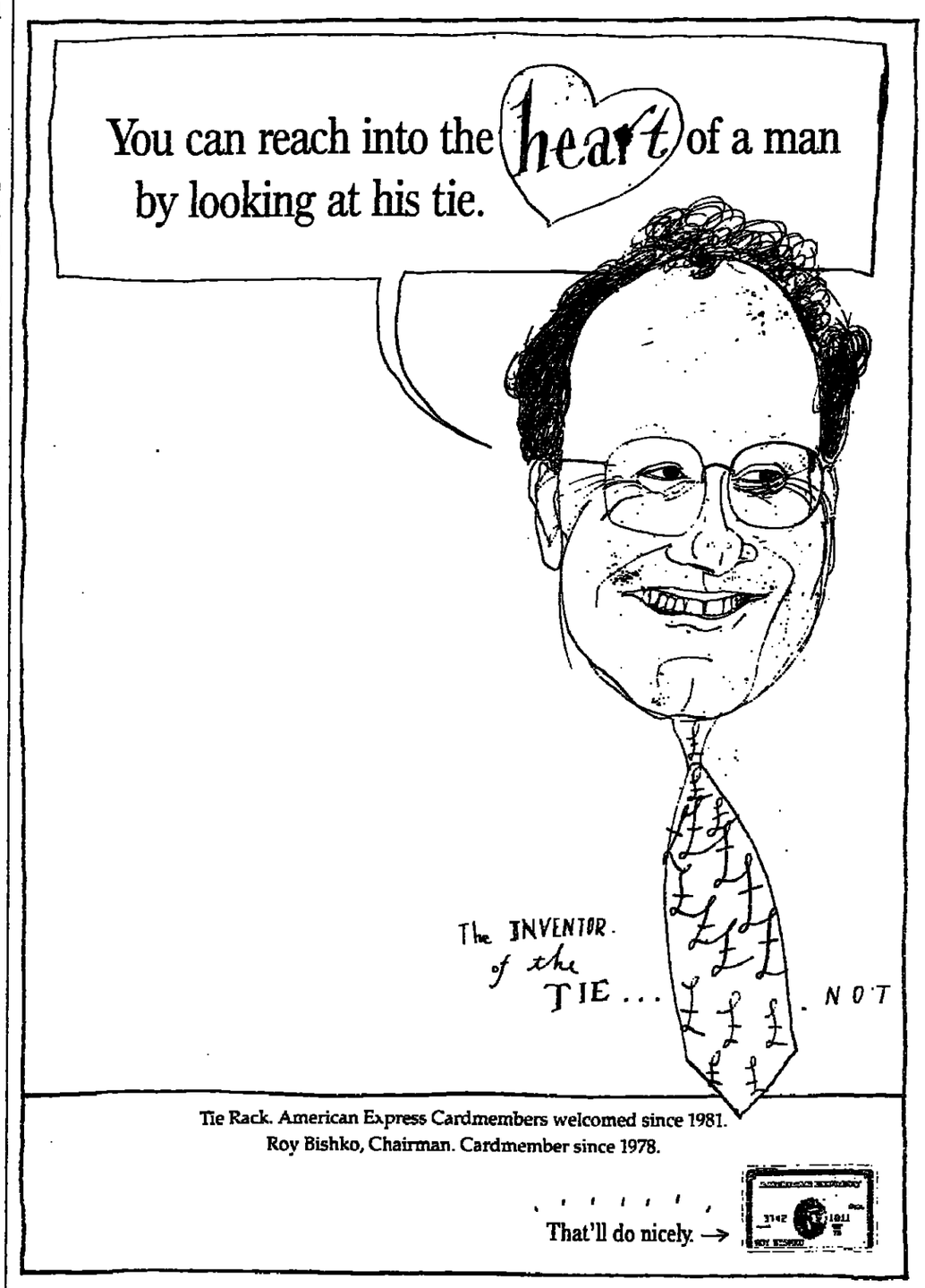
"They're so boring that I don't plan to go near one for a very long time," the 26-year-old television producer from Leeds said, before flying home from New York. "I've spent two or three hours a night reading them for the past three months."

Even though he spent so much time reading dictionaries, he said he did not know the meaning of many of the words he used on his way to take the championship in a five-game final against Joel Wapnick, the Canadian champion. Mr Nyman clinched the last game by simply putting down "wet" to score 20 points. However, on the way to amassing his 417-point winning score, he played words like "pia" (short for pia mater, the delicate innermost membrane enveloping the brain), "zarf" (a cup-shaped holder for a hot coffee cup in the Levant) "bedawin" (an alternative spelling for bedouin) and "quint" (a sequence of five cards of the same suit in piquet).

"You have to learn lists of all the two and three letter words, because they are vital if you want to become a good player, but frankly I really don't know what a lot of them mean ... beginners complain if you put down a word without knowing the meaning, but as long as the word exists it doesn't matter to the game."

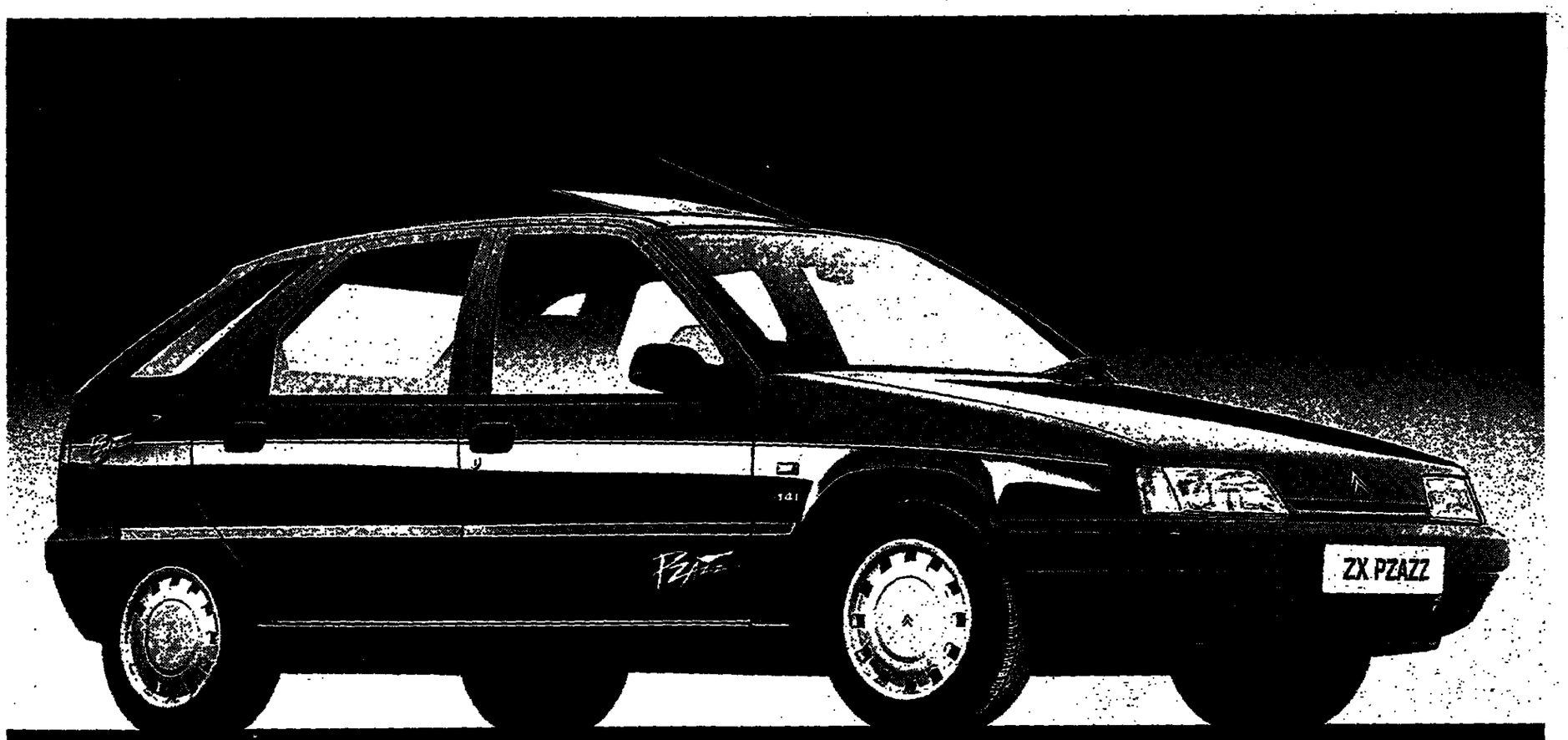
Apart from learning lists of short words, he also learnt 6,000 seven and eight-letter words for 50-point bonuses. "In the end, I think I only used two of them ... I am not so sure I would be prepared to sacrifice so much time in future." However, he does plan to defend his title in two years. "After a year or so, I expect I will be able to face a dictionary again."

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Murderer strikes as young mother walks across field

BY LIN JENKINS

THE naked body of a young mother, who was beaten to death after walking her baby-sitter home, was found next day by her father.

Sharon Pritchard, 21, had ignored advice from the 19-year-old babysitter not to take a short cut across a lonely field to her home in West Glamorgan.

She was stripped and beaten as she fought off her attacker a hundred yards from her semi-detached home in the village of Croeserw. Police said the killer must have been covered in blood.

Det Chief Supt Phil Jones, head of South Wales CID, said: "This was a brutal killing of a lovely young woman. Sharon was battered to death in the most vicious of ways. She put up a fierce struggle before he overpowered her and battered her to death. All her injuries were to her face. It was particularly horrific."

Ms Pritchard returned home from an evening out on Sunday with two girl friends and insisted on walking Maria Renfrey, the babysitter, to her home. The two friends, who were staying at her house, went to bed and failed to notice that she did not return. It was only when her father arrived on Monday that the alarm was raised. He found the body when he retraced her steps.

Miss Renfrey, 19, was yesterday receiving counselling from Victim Support. She said it was the first time she had looked after Karly, 4, and Shaunie, 14 months. "I cannot believe this has happened. Apart from the killer, I must have been the last person to see her alive." She said it was typical of her friend to see she got home safely.

"I warned her, at least three times, not to take the short cut. But Sharon turned round and said, 'Oh, don't worry about me. I'll be fine.' That was the last I saw of her."

Police last night declined to say if Ms Pritchard had been sexually assaulted. Her underwear was found near her body, but her other clothes were thought to be missing. She was wearing jeans, a black body top under a black chiffon blouse, and leather lace-up boots.

Police have interviewed the father of the children and ruled him out of the enquiry.

Her mother, Ann Pritchard, said: "Sharon was a lovely, lovely girl who lived for her children. How can any person in this world do anything quite so terrible?" She and her husband were looking after Ms Pritchard's children yesterday.

A post mortem examination found that Ms Pritchard died from multiple injuries to the head and face.

Police, who have set up a major incident room inside the village community hall, appealed for anyone with information to contact them on 0639 852448.

RICHARD AUSTIN



Anna Young, 22, kidnapped with her boy friend by Kurdish rebels in Turkey, and freed by soldiers who killed 13 of the kidnappers in a gun battle, shows her delight at being back home with her parents, Rachael and Tony, in Axminster, Devon

Loyalists 'regret' killing mother

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A LOYALIST terror group apologised yesterday after admitting that it had mistakenly shot dead a woman in her home. It said that the target was her husband.

The murdered woman, named as Marie Theresa Dowds de Mogollon, 48, was hit several times when shots were fired through a glass panel in the front door of her semi-detached home in Fortwilliam Park, a mainly Roman Catholic residential area of north Belfast.

Her three children, three, eight and eleven, were asleep upstairs and unhurt. Her husband, a Peruvian working in the financial sector in Northern Ireland, was not at home at the time of the attack.

The Ulster Freedom Fighters said that the intended target had been her husband and it "deeply regretted" her tragic death. But the group said the burden of responsibility lay with her husband who it accused of providing "safe houses", flats and houses for IRA death squads to launch attacks on Loyalists in north Belfast.

Mrs de Mogollon's husband arrived home soon after police sealed off the area, when he was contacted by neighbours. A car that police believe was used by the killers was hijacked in the Crumlin Road 15 minutes before the killing and found abandoned half an hour later in York Road, a short distance from the murder scene.

Sinn Fein said that the shooting bore all the hallmarks of a sectarian attack. Neighbours said the family moved into the house about a year ago and kept to themselves.

☐ Fresh evidence allegedly linking the leading Sinn Fein member Martin McGuinness to the IRA was broadcast on television last night.

The programme, *The Cook Report*, claimed to have produced fresh evidence allegedly linking Mr McGuinness with the murder of an alleged informer. It also accused the Northern Ireland Office and RUC of operating a "kid gloves" policy towards Mr McGuinness.

Mr McGuinness has denied all allegations made against him by the programme and refused an invitation to appear on last night's programme.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire-raiser strikes at eight farms

Farmers were urged to start patrols of their property as detectives sought an arsonist believed to have lit fires that caused damage costing hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Fires were started on eight farms in the Worcester, Stourport-on-Severn and Bromyard areas of Hereford and Worcester on Sunday and Monday nights.

West Mercia police said yesterday that the fires were being treated as arson. A spokesman said: "There is a strong possibility that these outbreaks are linked."

Getaway killer

James Horner, 28, of Drumchapel, Glasgow, was jailed for eight years at the High Court in Glasgow for killing Edith Spencer, 63, while driving a getaway car after a robbery.

Horse bolts

A car passenger suffered serious head injuries when a riderless horse jumped over a barbed wire fence and landed on the vehicle's roof in Clayton, Sussex. The horse had minor injuries.

Purse snatched

A 77-year-old woman suffered leg, hand and face injuries when she was dragged 20 yards along a road in Mitford, Northumberland, when men in a stolen car tried to snatch her bag.

Bus rescue

A blind pedestrian was saved from serious injury after Robert Ainslie, of Prestonpans, Lothian, drove his bus into the path of a driverless car and stopped it mounting the kerb.

Fossil order

A fossil hunter who removed a dinosaur's footprint, embedded in rock at a National Trust beach at Compton Bay, Isle of Wight, was ordered by police to replace it.

Female bouncer jailed for attack

A WOMAN said to be London's first female bouncer was jailed for three months yesterday for attacking revellers who tried to buy drinks at a club being used for a private party attended by the footballer Vinny Jones.

Marcia Francis, a martial arts practitioner who had wanted the Wimbledon player to attend Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court as a witness on her behalf, was convicted of beating up a woman and her mother with a flurry of karate blows.

Francis, who had been remanded for pre-sentence reports, had denied both assaults and plans to appeal against the sentence.

Carmen Abela, 22, a laboratory technician, was dragged out of the club by her hair and thrown against a parked car by Francis when she refused to leave the Which Way West Café Club at the Tower Thistle Hotel at St Katharine's Dock, east London.

Francis, a single mother with a seven-year-old daughter, was described in court by her lawyer, Gregory Stewart, as London's first female door attendant. "At the time of her appointment, she received quite a high media profile," he said. She had been in charge of security at the club "and can overreact".

The court had been told that Miss Abela had been celebrating her fiancé's 21st birthday with a group of family and friends. There was a dispute between her and bar staff when the visitors were told that they would not be served drinks as the club had been hired for a private party.

Miss Abela's mother Ann, 49, suffered severe bruising after Francis kicked her in the groin and punched her head when she tried to stop her daughter from being hurt. Bruising and swelling did not disappear until a month later, the court was told. The assistant recorder, Inigo Bing, called the incident appalling.

Round-the-world rowers reach Essex

BY ANDREW PIERCE

IT WASN'T quite the Golden Gate bridge of San Francisco. Two Russian rowers, who left the northern Siberian port of Tiksi in pursuit of the wonders of the world, had to make do with the sandy shores of Southend yesterday.

Slipping almost unnoticed past holidaymakers, Eugeny Smurgis, 54, and his son Alexander, 22, nudged the 14ft *Max 4*, flying a tattered Russian flag, to a mooring at the Leigh club after weathering severe storms and shipping six inches of water.

Able to speak only two English words, "storm" and "sponsor", they had to wait for the arrival of an interpreter before they could convince suspicious coastguards and police that far from being a couple of defectors, they were round-the-world mariners.

Father and son, who were last seen heading up the Thames towards a rowing club in Chiswick, which has offered them a temporary berth, plan their 24,000-mile circumnavigation in *Max 4* via Las Palmas, Barbados, Venezuela, San Francisco, Vancouver and back to Russia. Inscribed on the craft are the words: "First Round the World by Russians."

Two lots of people who had been expecting the oarsmen were Tass, the Russian news agency, and the Russian embassy. "We have been sending back reports of their voyage," said a Tass reporter, unsure whether he would mention in the next dispatch the less than rapturous reception his countrymen had received in Essex.

The reporter said the voyagers wanted to appeal in Britain for money for new navigation equipment. "They only have a radio with a range of five miles."

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Scott: the wealthy turned a blind eye to yacht

Rich Britons aspire to middle-class frugality

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

A survey of Britain's wealthy families shows that men control the finances, despite women's involvement in accumulating the family fortune

BRITAIN'S richest families regard themselves as middle class and not particularly well off in spite of their country estates, yachts and private aircraft.

A study of 70 wealthy households in the Midlands also showed that once families became rich, the wife was pushed into the background although she might have played a key role in accumulating the fortune.

"Wealth is a man's world and women are marginalised," Professor John Scott, of the University of Leicester, told the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Keele University yesterday. Although all the families surveyed were in the top 1 per cent of wealth, and some were among Britain's 500 richest people, they described themselves "almost to a person as middle class", Professor Scott said.

Many said that their greatest extravagance was the weekly supermarket shop, or going out for a meal, ignoring the fact that they owned a private yacht, aircraft, or a stable full of horses. "In terms of the actual cash that they have available on a day to day basis, they are relatively modest in their expenditure, and they perceive themselves as not being wealthy," Professor Scott said.

Most of the families believed that the really rich were other people, belonging to a wealthy establishment in the South of England. They accepted that the rich existed, but excluded themselves from that category. The survey also showed that women played a vital but rarely acknowledged role in the accumulation and conservation of wealth. Often, once the family had become rich, the women were pushed into the background.

One woman who had played a leading part in her husband's success told Professor Scott: "It was his dream, but my money."

Another woman, very active in her husband's business, thought it natural to be excluded from discussions about the future of the firm. "I'm not a member of my husband's family," she said. However, Professor Scott did find that other women were more resentful. Most of the men, by contrast, were happy with their role, and assumed that their wives were equally content.

Of these 70 families, only five were family businesses headed by women. "At every point in the business of accumulated wealth, women are marginalised, so that it is not surprising to find so few family fortunes headed by women," Professor Scott said. "But the popular image of men as wealth creators and women as largely beneficiaries within wealthy families does not hold water."

The study is one of relatively few ever made into the wealthy. "It is a paradox that so much research has been done on the poor, and so little on the wealthy," Professor Scott said.

Those surveyed ranged from self-made entrepreneurs to landed families who had lived in the same house for generations. Among the landed families, those who had preserved their wealth best had diversified out of land and into other investments.

Assessing the actual wealth of families was difficult, Professor Scott said, but they ranged from having liquid assets of around £250,000 (excluding houses) to "many millions". Few felt they were wealthy because their money was tied up in land, trusts, long-term investments.

The tradition that chil... would take over the family b... ness had taken a knock. Whil... the wealthy men were keen to ... on their wealth, they cared ... about the company itself. "S... had the hard-headed pragmat... to realise their sons wouldn't ... suited to running the business.

Many sold out to conserve t... wealth, and then became ... involved in local affairs. "Once ... family firm was gone, the fam... were no longer committed to a l... role," Professor Scott said.

"One family had sold a ho... where they had lived for gen... tions ... They showed no regre... the loss of the family seat. They ... turn the house into a brothel for ... I care,' the husband said."

Growing poverty blamed on Tories

IN BRIEF

THE number of people living in poverty has nearly trebled in a decade to about 13 million, the British Association was told yesterday.

Dr Jane Millar, a researcher at Bath University, said that ten years ago, about five million people were suffering economic hardship. She said that Tory policies were partly to blame for the increase.

Dr Millar said the risk of poverty was higher in the UK than in France, Germany or Italy because "labour market deregulation, cuts to social security benefits, changes to the tax system and reductions in services have all made more people vulnerable to poverty".

☐ Spiking drinking water with silicon could cut down the incidence of Alzheimer's Disease, Professor Derek Birchall of Keele University said.

He said the evidence was that increased levels of silicon reduced the body's uptake of aluminium, which had been implicated in Alzheimer's.

☐ CUTTING tax evasion would be far more effective than pursuing social security scroungers, according to Dr Dee Cook of the criminology department at Keele.

She said that the losses to the Exchequer from people not paying the tax they owed was equivalent to 2p to 3p off the standard rate of income tax. Social security fraud was on a much smaller scale yet was pursued more rigorously.

☐ It may soon be possible to produce a genetic photofit from scene-of-crime samples and use it to help detectives to catch criminals.

Professor Alec Jeffreys of Leicester University, the inventor of genetic fingerprinting, said traces of blood, hair or other materials might be analysed to provide information about race, hair colour, eye colour and even the length of a suspect's nose.

☐ A new way of injecting sperm into eggs — the "sonic sword" — can help infertile couples to have children, Dr Mike Lee, of Research Instruments Ltd, told the conference.

A microscopic pipette containing the sperm is moved forward precisely by a sound wave, injecting the sperm accurately through the outer covering of the egg.

Intermarriage puts children at risk

By Our Science Editor

GENETIC ILLNESS

CHILDREN born in ethnic minority communities in Britain run a high risk of death and disability from genetically determined illnesses because their parents are often related by blood.

Some Pakistani children in Birmingham have a one-in-ten chance of death or severe illness by the age of five, Dr Sarah Bundey, of Birmingham University, told the British Association meeting. Children whose parents were cousins and who were descended from grandparents and great-grandparents who were also related were more than three times as likely to have problems as those born to unrelated Pakistani parents, she said.

Among Indians in the West Midlands, the genetic disease Duchenne muscular dystrophy was twice as common as expected. Thalassaemia, a disease of the red blood cells, is commoner in Pakistanis because of the tendency in that group to marry blood relations.

Diseases such as diabetes and multiple sclerosis were also increasing in those communities, perhaps for the same reason, she said.

A five-year study of almost 5,000 babies born at three hospitals in Birmingham had documented the scale of the problem, Dr Bundey said.

The results showed that babies who were born of parents related by blood were more than twice as likely to die or suffer severe disabilities by the age of five. In Pakistani children of related parents, death and disability by the age of five affected 10.2 per cent, against 3.0 per cent in those of unrelated Pakistani parents.

Dr Bundey said that GPs and Pakistani community leaders in Birmingham had been informed of the results, and leaflets prepared for the general public. Community services for Pakistani families providing information on genetic complications were being improved.

But there was no pressure on families for such marriages to be avoided.

"They are a great support to families in an alien country," Dr Bundey said.

Heat rise 'could dry rain forests'

By Our Environment Correspondent

GLOBAL WARMING

GLOBAL warming could trigger a hotter but also drier world, new findings indicate. Researchers have introduced into climate models the impacts of rain forests on rainfall in a world undergoing man-made heating.

Previous theories indicated that trees in tropical rain forests would breathe out more water as temperatures rose, generating more cloud cover and more rain.

But the new models, modifications of the Meteorological Office's computer climate simulations, show that trees would retain more water, triggering a drying out of moist humid regions such as those found in the Amazonian basin.

The drying effect in a country such as Brazil could be felt as far north as the southern United States, Max Beran, of the Natural Environment Research Council's Institute of Hydrology, said.

The drying out of the rain forest could also lead to greater parts of Amazonia and other tropical regions losing their forests in favour of savannah grasslands. The results highlight how, in the face of possible climatic disruption triggered by pollution, scientists are trying to understand how the world's ecosystems might respond.

In a separate paper, also delivered to the British Association meeting, an Oxford University scientist challenged the popular belief that logging by timber firms is harmful to rain forests.

Dr Nick Brown said there was emerging evidence that "the undisturbed rain forest" was a fiction. Indeed, disturbance of trees in these biologically rich regions appeared vital for maintaining their health and abundance of species.

Since the dawn of time, vast numbers of rain forest trees have died from natural events such as land slips, hurricanes and fires caused by lightning. Dr Brown said many rain forests would be darker, less hospitable places, unable to support a huge range of species without these episodes of devastation. "Disturbance creates opportunities."



Mozart might have been a genius, but even he had to put in the hours

The 5,000 ingredients of musical mastery

By Our Science Editor

THE music teacher was right: all it needs is practice, practice and more practice. Anybody can learn to play a musical instrument to the standard necessary for entrance to a music conservatoire if they practise for 5,000 hours before they are 18.

Professor John Sloboda, of the psychology department at Keele University, told the British Association meeting there was no evidence that musicians were born, not made. "A lot of parents think that if their children don't show signs of Mozart-like genius by the age of two, it's not worth trying. Our research has exploded that myth," he said.

However, Professor Sloboda cannot promise that every child could become a Nigel Kennedy. "Practice is a necessary, but not a sufficient, condition," he said.

Most professional musicians had not been child prodigies. He said very few able musicians had shown any signs of special musical promise in infancy, or even after they had been learning an instrument for some years.

Even Mozart, the definitive example of a musical prodigy, had been "forcefed" music from a very early age. "Even he had to do his 5,000 hours," he said.

Apart from "effortful formal practice", musicians need: musical stimulation in infancy and early childhood; high levels of family support; early teachers who make lessons fun; and opportunities for experiencing a deep emotional response to music.

"An awful lot of people could have got a lot of fulfilment from music if only they had persevered," Professor Sloboda said.

Nursery teaching can save a fortune

By Our Science Editor

A NATIONAL scheme of ed... cation for the under-fi... would produce huge econo... ic benefits for Britain, Patri... Rowan, editor of *The Tim... Educational Supplement*, tc... the conference.

Experience showed that pr... school education improved t... attainment of children fro... disadvantaged backgroun... and produced more successf... and responsible adults.

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They also earned signifi... cantly more (30 per cent... earned $2,000 a month or... more, compared with 7 per... cent of the control group) and... so paid more tax. By the time...

...the children were 15, every... dollar invested had returned... $4 in benefits, and by the age... of 19 that had risen to $6.

Ms Rowan said the research... showed that pre-school educa... tion for three and four-year... olds could "change the pattern... of children's lives". The pro... grammes would also let moth... ers return to work soone... improving family income.

The research had bee... summed up by Sally Holte... mann, who wrote that ever... body gained from th... investment. "Children gai... better day-care and early ed... cation and many are lifted o... of poverty. Parents gain fro... the knowledge that their chil... ren are being given a goo... start ... employers gain fro... an enlarged pool of expe... enced workers ... The go... ernment gains from ... reduction in the dependence ... families."

Ms Rowan said that the c... of introducing such a syste... across Britain would be c... siderable — £6 billion wh... the government was bent ... dismantling the costly burd... of the welfare state. But if t... government wanted solid e... dence of the benefits bef... making such a large inve... ment, it should fund its o... study, she said.

Natural gas offers clear answer to pollution

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

CLEANER CARS

CARS and vans powered by natural gas could cut pollution while meeting motorists' demands for high performance, convenience and fuel efficiency.

The findings come from a team of British researchers at the University of Birmingham who have been computer modelling 17 different kinds of cars, including ones powered by alcohol and eletricity. Latest government figures, disclosed at the British Association meeting yesterday, indicate that by 2000, cars and trucks will be responsible for nearly 75 per cent of the increases in national carbon dioxide (CO_2) levels.

Stricter pollution standards for vehicles are being studied by the European Commission which, for the first time, is expected to crack down on CO_2 and further tighten the rules on oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions. Professor James Randle, of the university's automotive engineering centre, said yesterday that to stabilise transport emissions of CO_2 to 1990 levels by 2010 would require cars to be nearly 40 per cent less polluting.

He said that natural gas, which had been undergoing tests on a fleet of vans in London, produced very low levels of CO_2 compared with traditional fuels. It also offered performance range rivalling petrol and diesel, emitted less oxides of nitrogen, the chemical that can trigger smog, and no emissions of sulphur dioxide, the gas linked with acid rain.

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3.19%	£2,000 – £9,999	4.25%	4.32%

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Demand for water 'must be stemmed'

By Michael Hornsby, Countryside Correspondent

PLANS to allow a 40 per cent increase in southeast England's water consumption have been described as dangerously complacent.

The National Rivers Authority predicted the rise by 2021 in a draft strategy for the Anglian region.

In its response, the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) said that for an area with the fastest-growing population and lowest rainfall in the country, the authority "should be opting for a strategy which aims to safeguard the water environment, rather than treating environmental protection as an optional extra".

The CPRE complained that the authority's strategy relied mainly on pumping more groundwater in areas where river flows were already low, on transferring greater amounts of water and on building a new reservoir. Instead, it should be seeking to control demand through selective domestic metering and reductions in leaks and waste from farms and factories.

The authority's regional technical manager, Mike Child, said it was committed to reducing leakage and wastage but that could bring only short-term relief. "In the longer term, with a rising population and increasing demand, it is inevitable that we will require additional resources. It is essential we plan now for that eventuality," he said.

The authority's strategy also envisaged that use of water for agricultural irrigation would increase 75 per cent by 2021. The CPRE described that as a completely unrealistic projection of demand.

☐ England should seek to double its area of forest and woodland by the middle of the next century, an international forestry conference in Manchester was told yesterday.

Michael Dower, director-general of the Countryside Commission, said England was the least afforested country in the European Community, apart from Ireland, with only 7.3 per cent of its land area under trees. A more flexible system of grants and incentives was needed to encourage new planting.

Safety is main selling point for car buyers

MORE than 40 per cent of British households own two or more cars, slightly more than the European average, a survey has disclosed.

Safety is the most important factor for car buyers across the Continent. The main selling points for women are safety features and colour, while men are more taken with electronic gadgets and telephones.

The survey of 5,500 people in 11 European Community countries, from the international marketing company Time, shows that just 5 per cent of cars in Britain have engines of three litres or more. The Swiss have the most powerful cars and the Italians the least powerful.

The country with the highest car ownership per head is Belgium and the lowest is Denmark. Italy has the greatest number of households with two cars.

In Britain, Ford is the company thought to give the best value for money and Jaguar is considered most prestigious. Volvos are considered to be the safest and most environmentally friendly cars.

Lobster lovers find the best of British slips the net

By Robin Young

LOBSTER loving Britons are being forced to eat frozen imported varieties while the more succulent British lobster is exported to Europe.

Visitors to most seaside restaurants this year are more likely to be eating lobsters flown to Heathrow or Gatwick from Canada or the US than any of the local catch, which will probably have been trucked to the Continent.

Simon McIlroy, of the Wapping Big Lobster Company in London, said: "The bulk of our trade is importing chilled lobsters from north America for consumption in Britain, and exporting British lobsters to the Continent where prices are higher."

On the west coast of Scotland, lobster fishermen sell almost all their catch to lorries from Barcelona, whose drivers pay in cash.

Nick Ryan of the Crinan Hotel, in Crinan, Strathclyde, whose seafood restaurant, Lock 16, is famous for local fresh lobster, says: "Lobster are quite plentiful at present, and we had landings of about two and a half tonnes at Crinan last week, but apart from those that we bought, probably all the rest has ended up in Madrid or somewhere.

"The fishermen can keep the fish in pots in the sea for a time, so they do have some opportunity to manipulate the market, and lobster pays them pretty well."

Dr Eric Edwards, director of the Shellfish Association, said shellfish landings in the UK by British boats, at about 122,000 tonnes a year, were worth at least £102 million at their first sale. However, ... were no official statistic... exports.

"Between Newhaven ... Cornwall," Dr Edwards ... "probably 90 per cent o... shellfish caught goes ... France." Most of the rest ... to London restaurants.

The going rate for ... caught lobster off ... around the coast at pres... about £5 to £5.50. Resta... prices start at about ... pound, and are frequen... much as £25 a portion.



A British lobster starts its journey to the Continen

Hi-tech Briton triumphs in computer chess battle



Don Beal, organiser of the Computer Chess World Championship, checks on the progress of the games

■ A computer program that tries to behave like a human has trounced allcomers at an international championship in London

BY NICHOLAS WATT

AS NIGEL Short prepares to challenge Garry Kasparov for *The Times* World Chess Championship, Short can take heart that a fellow Briton has just won a world chess title.

Mark Uniacke, 29, from Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, trounced international opposition in the Computer Chess World Championship with a program that took him six years to write. With 14 wins and two draws, he scored 15 points out of a possible 16, beating last year's American winner, who managed only 11½ points.

Mr Uniacke said yesterday that the secret to his victory was to make his program as human as possible.

"The program does not attach so much importance to holding on to materials and is more positional," he said. "In other words, it will sacrifice pawns for a good attack position against knights and bishops."

Mr Uniacke, who is a commercial computer programmer, worked on the software for up to 40 hours a week in his spare time. "It was very tiring to spend that much time ... working on the program, but it has paid off." There was no cash prize, but he received a memento for his success.

He started writing programs to combine his two loves. "I played chess as a junior and then did a degree in computing. Marrying the two seemed the logical thing to," Mr Uniacke said.

Don Beal, who organised the championships at Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, where he is a lecturer, said that the winner's program was one of the most innovative he had ever seen. "Mark's score was amazingly high and I would say we have a new star," he said.

"His idea of sacrificing pawns to attack the enemy king is something all other programmers would like to do, but have never perfected. Others tend to go at the wrong time, but Mark has the timing just right," he said.

The only sign of activity during the two-week round robin tournament was a bank of computers whirring quietly as 15 programs from America, Russia and Western Europe were pitted against each other. For the first time, this year the programs were played on the same hardware, which meant the winner was picked solely on the merits of the program.

One of the most exciting entries was a program written by Matt Craighead, an 11-year-old from Minnesota. Although the program managed only two draws, Mr Beal praised Matt, who devised the software in breaks from studying calculus at the University of Minnesota. "It is clearly a program to watch in the future," Mr Beal said.

Fans can join up to play the best

BY IAN MURRAY

THE Times World Chess Championship will be the launch pad for a new concept in audience participation involving the best players in the world taking on chess enthusiasts around the globe.

At the championship, the Predictamove system will enable the public to telephone a central computer with their forecast of each move played by Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short.

Next year, Predictamove is to be adapted and expanded to enable chess fans to join games against the world's best. Telechess, the Dutch company which has devised the system, plans to set up the International Telechess Federation to organise and promote matches. It will use Predictamove to collect and collate multiple forecasts of preferred moves.

Matches against grandmasters will be played on a page of teletext television. After each move, the federation players who want to join the game will dial in their choice for the next move. The computer will quickly work out which gambit has the greatest support and that will be played and shown on the teletext screen. The grand master will then make his next move. Membership will cost about £25 a year.

A similar system would be used to stage international matches, with players in competing countries voting for each move.

In another development, to grade players in a way which will enable them to find comparable opponents, a new rating system called Telo has been devised to replace the traditional Elo rating used by Fide. Initially, every player will obtain a Telo rating by predicting moves made during the *Times* match. The rating will be based on three elements: the difficulty of the prediction: the number of correct predictions made in a game; and the number of predictions attempted during the game.

Telechess aims to build up a directory of Telo ratings which will enable players to challenge opponents of equal ability round the world.

□ With six days to go to the first game in the world championship at the Savoy Theatre, London, tickets from as little as £20 are still available by telephoning the First Call Hotline on 071-497 9977.

Those unable to attend will be well catered for by more extensive television coverage than the game has ever enjoyed. Channel 4 will run three programmes every playing day — Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays — and an hour's round-up programme on Sundays. BBC2 will also be devoting half-hour programmes to the match on the same days.

During the world championship, Kasparov and Short will be commenting on the games exclusively in *The Times*.

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CRACKING THE CODE

IN THE late 1940s, Alan Turing and Donald Michie, mathematicians at Bletchley Park, the government's wartime code and cipher school in Buckinghamshire, produced two sets of instructions for computer chess.

Turing started to program them but never completed the task. In 1951, however, one of them "played" and lost to a Manchester University student.

In 1956, scientists at Los Alamos, New Mexico, programmed their computer to play mini-chess without bishops. A young woman who had just been taught chess became the first human to lose to a computer. The first full chess program was written in 1958 by an American, Alex Bernstein.

The most recent mainframe megastar is called deep thought. In 1989, it took the gold medal in the sixth world computer championship but met its match when it was twice decisively beaten by Garry Kasparov, the world champion.

□ Extracted from *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*, by Mike Fox and Richard James (Faber & Faber, £10.99)

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

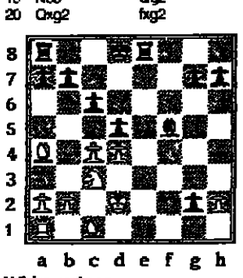
Reader awards

THE award to a *Times* reader for the best game submitted in August goes to Mr Russell from Scotland, who won this dramatic king hunt game in the Scottish Open Championship in 1968.

White: Rosenberg
Black: Russell
Scottish Ch 1968

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	Bc5
4	c3	Nf6
5	Nxe5	Bxf2+
6	Kxf2	Nxe5
7	d4	Nxe4+
8	Ke3	Qg5+
9	Kxe4	f5+
10	Kxe5	Qxg2
11	Kf4	Kd8
12	Ke3	f4+
13	Kd3	d5
14	Qe2	Bf5+
15	Kc2	Qxh1
16	c4	c6
17	Be4	Re8
18	Qf2	f3
19	Nc3	Qg2
20	Qxg2	fxg2



a b c d e f g h

White resigns

The book prize for the best junior game played in the British Championships goes to Neal Page for the following win in the Under-18 event.

White: L Jacobs
Black: Neal Page
British U-18 Championship, Dundee 1993

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	c5
4	c3	Nc6
5	Nf3	Qb6
6	a3	a5
7	Bd3	Bd7
8	Bc2	f5
9	0-0	h6
10	Nh4	Nge7
11	dxc5	Qxc5
12	Qe2	Qb6
13	Re1	g5
14	Nf3	Bg7
15	a4	g4
16	Nfd2	Bxe5
17	Na3	Ng6
18	g3	h5
19	Nf1	h4
20	Nb5	hxg3
21	hxg3	Qd8
22	Nd4	Nh4
23	Nxc6	Bxc6
24	gxh4	Qxh4
25	Ng3	d4

a b c d e f g h

White resigns

Both of the above readers should contact me with their addresses so that they can receive their prizes.

Correction

Yesterday I gave the diagram of the game from Brussels in 1986 where Nigel Short beat Garry Kasparov. In some editions the white queen was incorrectly positioned on d8, instead of c8.

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THE ROVER COMMITMENT

Accord on quick ceasefire and prisoner exchange increases hopes for overall peace settlement

Muslims heed Owen and agree deal with Serbs

By Adam LeBor in Geneva and Michael Evans Defence Correspondent

THE leaders of the Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnian government agreed on a rapid ceasefire and an exchange of prisoners at the resumed peace talks in Geneva yesterday.

The agreement between Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim president, and Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader, came in a five-point plan worked out in face-to-face talks between the two men. It was seen as a positive sign for the future of the broader-based negotiations on an overall peace settlement.

The agreement provided for a ceasefire between Serbs and Muslims across the country, the creation of a telephone hotline between Sarajevo and the Serb stronghold of Pale and an exchange of prisoners. The leaders also agreed to establish a joint commission to restore basic utilities to all areas of Sarajevo.

A Bosnian Serb delegate said last night: "Finally we can say that the Muslims are on the road to peace." Mirza Hajric, for the Bosnian government delegation, said: "I would have preferred agreement on something more crucial but it should make things easier, soften up the atmosphere a bit."

Before the announcement of the separate agreement, the Muslim-led Bosnian government had come under pressure from all sides to approve the new overall peace plan proposed by Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, co-chairmen of the negotiations.

The Muslims demanded substantial alterations to the map, to grant them more territory. However, according to a Bosnian official, Lord Owen gave a warning to Mr Izetbegovic: "You are asking for this as though you had won a war, but you have lost a war."

The Bosnian Croats said they were ready to sign the peace deal which would split Bosnia into three ethnic states. The Serbs have already accepted the proposal which allows them to keep about four-fifths of the territory they captured by force and "ethnic cleansing" operations. The Croats dismissed a key Muslim territorial demand as unacceptable. The Bosnian government asked for certain towns in eastern Bosnia, including Visegrad and Foca, once home to large Muslim populations, to be returned. The Muslims also wanted direct access to the sea. Under the Geneva plan they would use the port of Ploce, in southern Croatia.

In Mostar, another disputed town, about 60 Spanish United Nations peacekeepers, held hostage by Muslim citizens for five days, were allowed to leave yesterday. The Spaniards had been trapped in the besieged Muslim sector of Mostar since last Thursday after escorting a UN relief convoy into the city. Muslim residents blocked the road in front of the soldiers' armoured vehicles, saying that they feared renewed attacks by the Croats once the United Nations force had left. The soldiers were reported to be unshaven, dirty and hungry.

Julián García Vargas, the Spanish defence minister, earlier condemned the Mostar blockade. He said: "It is unacceptable that Spanish soldiers should be held against their will in Mostar, but it is also unacceptable that the civilian population should suffer bombardments while peace negotiations in Geneva enter their final phase." The release of the Spanish soldiers came shortly after the Croats offered a 48-hour ceasefire in the area. The Spanish convoy of white armoured vehicles returned to base in the town of Medugorje, just south of Mostar.

In Geneva, the message to the Muslims was that the peace plan was their last chance to retain territorial control over any substantial chunk of Bosnian territory. Lord Owen said the international community appeared ready to send the thousands of troops needed to implement a peace agreement. "I think it would be a tragedy if it was lost, because it does now look like the United States and Nato are ready to come up with an implementation force," he said. Manfred Woerner, the Nato secretary-general, is due to meet Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, in Geneva today. Before the three warring factions resumed their talks in Geneva, Lord Owen said that if they failed and nothing were signed, the Bosnian conflict would carry on. "I think you'll find that the war could restart in eastern Bosnia and there are real dangers that the Serbs will cut the country in two."

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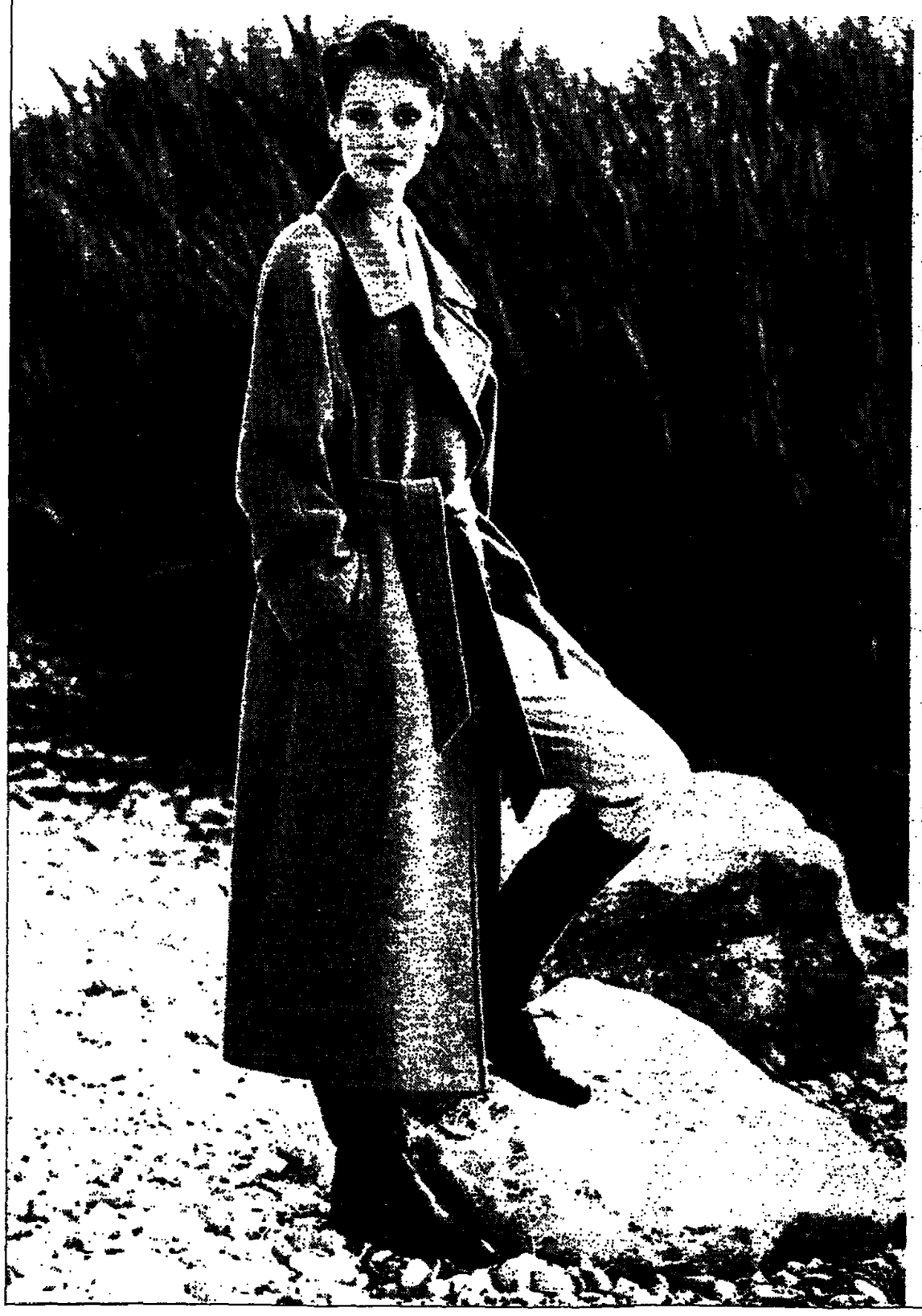


Medugorje: Sally Becker, left, a British freelance aid worker, was heading yesterday from Mostar, just north of Medugorje, after she said she had arranged a partial truce with Croat forces besieging the Muslim quarter of the ancient Bosnian city. Before setting off in an ambulance carrying medicine for the sector's makeshift hospital, which took a direct hit yesterday, she said she hoped to bring out ten Muslim children and family members and a Jewish family. *(Reuter)*



Edward Joseph, a United Nations official, trying to persuade a crowd acting as a barricade yesterday to let a convoy leave Mostar. The peacekeepers, trapped for a week after taking in food and medicine, were finally allowed out

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UK prepares to expand Bosnia force to 6,000

■ Officials at the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office are working on the assumption that Britain will be offering to deploy a force of brigade strength

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

BRITAIN is ready to increase the number of troops in Bosnia from 2,500 to at least 6,000 if the latest peace plan for dividing the country into three ethnic states leads to a genuine ceasefire and a lasting settlement.

Last month, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, appeared to rule out sending more soldiers. He said Britain was contributing enough to the United Nations military presence.

However, the government has always maintained that Britain would be prepared to play its part in the event of a settlement, especially if a Nato force, led by a large American contingent, were approved by the UN Security Council to implement a peace plan.

Ministry of Defence officials yesterday emphasised that there were no imminent decisions. There was no sense of urgency about planning for a new peacekeeping force.

Contingency plans were drawn up by the MoD while the Vance-Owen proposal, dividing the country into ten semi-autonomous provinces, was still alive. Although the plans have not been revised to meet the demands arising from the proposal for a three-way split, officials at the defence ministry and Foreign Office are working on the assumption that Britain will offer a brigade-strength force.

This will not mean deploying a brigade "from scratch" from Britain or Germany. The infantry battalion group serving with the UN would be supplemented by another battalion-sized force and extra brigade headquarters staff.

The 1st Battalion the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (PWO), serving in Bosnia, is to be replaced by the Coldstream Guards in November. The Coldstreams are training in Germany.

Up to 2,000 soldiers are also on short-notice standby, in case they are needed to provide cover for the PWO, if it were felt there was an urgent need to withdraw the troops.

If the peace process accelerated and the security council passed a resolution authorising a large implementation force, those on standby, who include gunners, engineers, military police, reconnaissance units and signals units, could be deployed rapidly.

Defence ministry officials emphasised that the same principles would apply for the new proposals as for the aborted Vance-Owen plan. Britain's military presence would be increased only if there were real evidence that the three warring factions wanted peace and that the danger to British troops could be contained.

If the Americans send a division of 20,000 to 25,000 to form the core of a peace implementation force, officials acknowledged that Britain would be under an obligation to provide more troops. A brigade-sized force, however, would be the limit. Any larger force would have such a neffec on the army's emergency tou cycles that the government's Options for Change programme to reduce army man power would have to b abandoned.



Rifkind: had ruled out sending more soldiers



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Norway breaks ground with farmhouse diplomacy



Brundtland: party has warm relations with the PLO and Labour in Israel

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

HOW THE DEAL WAS DONE

NORWAY played the mediator's role in securing agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation on self-rule in Gaza and Jericho.

In the course of 25 secret meetings in farmhouses, private homes and secluded foreign ministry retreats in and around Oslo, a handful of Norwegians brought together senior figures from both sides to work out the *details of an agreement so secret* that even the Palestinian negotiators at the Middle East peace talks were kept in the dark.

Norway was chosen as the conduit for the historic meeting between Israel and the PLO, with whom it officially refused to *deal, because of its unusually* close contacts with both sides. The ruling Labour Party, headed by Gro Harlem Brundtland, the prime minister, has long had warm relations with the Labour Party now in power in Israel. The Norwegians have also been *active in the Gaza Strip and have* won the trust of local Palestinian leaders there as well as in Tunis.

A key Norwegian instrumental in bringing the two sides together was Terje Roed-Larsen, the head of Norway's trade union centre for research and documentation, which had made a study of the social conditions among the refugee camps. The mediators also included his wife, Johan Joergen Holst, the foreign *minister, his wife, his deputy* minister and a foreign policy researcher.

The request to set a venue for back-channel negotiations came at the end of last year; the first meeting was in April. Norwegian police and security services *kept a tight cordon around the* meetings. Yassir Arafat did not attend in person, sending Abu Aufa, a senior PLO official, in his place. Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, attended only the last meeting ten days ago.

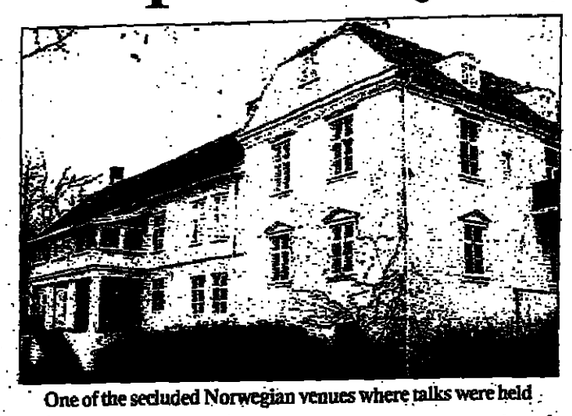
Mr Holst met Mr Arafat in *Tunis, went to Israel and fre*quently telephoned all the parties involved in the talks. Throughout the process, the Americans were kept informed and encouraged the meetings. Mr Holst flew to Washington and to San Fransisco to join *Warren Christopher, the US* secretary of state, at a meeting on the Middle East.

A Norwegian spokesman yesterday refused to give the names of all those who attended the meeting but said Norway will remain engaged in any follow-up. *At a meeting today in* Gotland, Sweden, of the foreign ministers of the five Nordic countries, Norway will propose they contribute a sizeable *amount of aid to help the* fledgling self-governments in Gaza and Jericho. Norway will also try to push Israel and the Palestinians towards expanding the agreement to include self-government for the rest of the West Bank.

Secrecy was vital to the talks, though several newspapers, including some of the Arabic-language press in London, got wind of the meetings. These were often at Mr Holst's home. Although Norway had been active in the Middle East for some years, its position outside the European Community meant that its government was able to launch the initiative without informing any European partners or being suspected of playing a leading role.

American diplomats have also been tireless in pushing the peace talks forward. One of the most experienced is Edward Djerejian, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, who as a previous ambassador to Damascus was largely responsible for reviving the American *dialogue with Syria which led to* President Assad joining the American-led alliance against Iraq during the Gulf war. Trusted by all sides, Mr Djerejian will take up the post of American ambassador to Israel at the beginning of next year.

The United States played no



One of the secluded Norwegian venues where talks were held

part in the Norwegian meetings, but American officials said the *Clinton administration* would now play a large role in bringing very tough negotiations to a successful conclusion. The Palestinians also want the United States to guarantee any agreement and to generate the finance necessary to support Palestinian *institutions.*

After ten rounds of negligible progress, the negotiators reconvened at the State Department in an atmosphere of excitement. The four Arab and Israeli and *delegations scheduled no press* conferences yesterday. "Sometimes when people are negotiating we have to keep quiet till we have something to announce," said an Israeli spokesman.

Palestinians vow to make charter acceptable to Israel

From Christopher Walker in Cairo

THE PLO

THE *Palestinian National* Charter adopted in Cairo in 1968 reads in part:

"Palestine, the homeland of the Palestinian Arab people, is an inseparable part of the greater Arab homeland, and the Palestinian people are a part of the Arab nation. Palestine, within the frontiers that existed under the British Mandate, is an indivisible territorial unit ... armed *struggle is the only way of* liberating Palestine ... The liberation of Palestine is a national obligation for the Arabs. It is their duty to repel the Zionist and imperialist invasion of the greater Arab homeland, and to liquidate the Zionist presence."

SENIOR members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation claimed in separate *statements yesterday that the* controversial sections in its charter declaring the state of Israel illegal would be removed as part of the deal to be signed with Israel in Washington.

"The agreement includes a reference that the PLO will consider anything in the charter that contradicts the agreement and will make it null and void," one leading PLO official *said. Bassam Abu Sharif, a* close adviser to Yassir Arafat and an influential member of the PLO's moderate faction, went further. "President Arafat already declared in Paris that the charter was *caduque* (null and void). This means that the present programme of the PLO has superseded the charter," he declared in Tunis.

Adopted by the PLO in *Cairo in 1968, the Palestinian* national charter specifically excludes the existence of Israel and calls for the "liberation" of all of Palestine. Its continued *existence has been one of the* main bones of contention between Israelis who want the organisation recognised and those who remain opposed to such a compromise which now appears close.

The crucial paragraph which the PLO leadership now considers no longer relevant states categorically: "Palestine, within the frontiers that existed under the British Mandate, is an indivisible territorial unit", and adds that the PLO aims to "liquidate the *Zionist presence in Palestine*".

Previous claims by the PLO leadership to have revoked the charter have often been treated with scepticism by hardline Israelis and even those with more moderate views. The now famous remark referred to by Mr Abu Sharif yesterday was made by Mr Arafat on May 2, 1989, when he stated in Paris: "As for the covenant, I believe there is an expression in French, *'c'est caduque'*." Many Israelis remain suspicious of the PLO's intentions because in April that year Mr Arafat told the French daily *Le Figaro* he did not have the authority to change the covenant.

Mr Abu Sharif was yesterday *commenting on a state*ment by Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, that Israel could officially recognise the PLO if it renounced terror and dumped the sections of its charter calling for the extermination of the Jewish state. *Ever since the deci*sion of the PLO in 1988 to agree to a two-state solution on Palestine, leading PLO intellectuals argued that the *controversial sections of the* charter were no longer operative.

In 1988 the Palestine National Council — the PLO's parliament in exile — adopted a peace strategy at its meeting in Algiers. For the first time then, it recognised the 1967 UN resolution 242 calling for implicit recognition of the Israeli state in part of Palestine, where it was created in 1948. *Reacting to Mr Abu* Sharif's statement, Rafael Gamzou, the Israeli foreign ministry spokesman, said: "It is one of the conditions the PLO has to meet in order to stop being a terrorist organisation and to become merely a political organisation."

☐ **Gaza City:** Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian, 16, and three other Arabs were wounded in separate incidents *in the occupied Gaza Strip* yesterday. *(Reuter)*

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Members of the Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine writing "No to Gaza plan" on a wall at Ein el-Hilweh camp, near Sidon

Peace plan could now open Clinton's doors to the PLO

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"This is not what will happen. The Palestinian police will take charge of Palestinian security."

PLO officials said that *under the agreement, which* was negotiated secretly in Norway, many of the 5,000 former Palestinian guerrillas would become members of the security force, effectively ending the PLO's three-decade-old guerrilla army.

"*Under the new interim* period arrangements, the PLA forces will be transformed into security police with an aim of bringing in thousands of PLO guerrillas outside the camp in stages," said a PLO official now in charge of security reorganisation in Jordan.

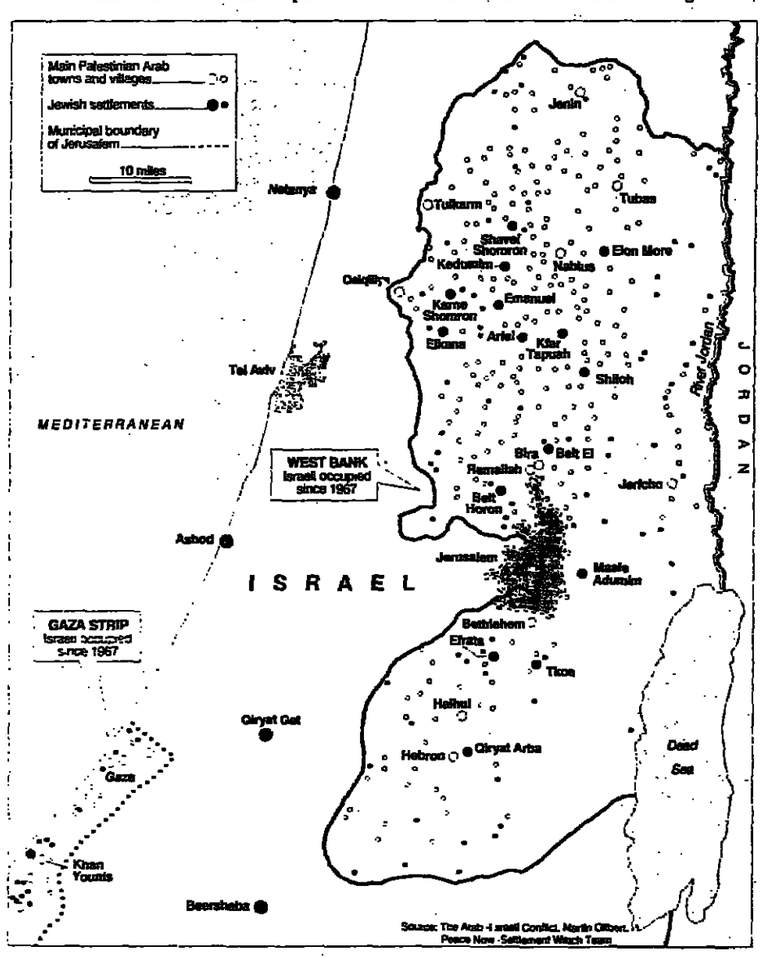
Another 4,500 to 5,000 fighters — mostly former Fatah guerrillas evicted from Lebanon after the 1982 Israeli invasion and scattered throughout Yemen, Libya, Su*dan, Iraq and Alegeria — will* be included later. PLO officials say the new force will also include at least 7,000 guerrillas who fought for the PLO but are not yet in camps.

Asked about relations with the PLO, Warren Christo*pher, the American Secretary* of State, replied: "There is no change in respect to the PLO at the present time. On the other hand, it is a rapidly changing environment and we are following developments closely."

Mr Christopher threw the administration's weight firmly behind the new peace plan, calling it a "conceptual breakthrough" that had finally broken the deadlock existing since the peace process began 22 months ago.

The agreement calls for the swift transfer of authority in Gaza and Jericho as a first step towards autonomy for all 1.7 million Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Israeli negotiators were also meeting Syrian and Leb*anese delegations. Syrian* officials insisted that any settlement with the Israelis had to include an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. Mr Rabinovitch said that the Syrians should be "relieved by the fact that the Palestinian issue has been addressed".



Settlers' future still in doubt

From Ben Lynfield in Jerusalem

ISRAEL

THE agreement, which has *attracted immediate condem*nation from the Israeli right, has also left unresolved the thorny issue of Jewish settlers.

One hundred and twenty *thousand of them have moved* to the West Bank and Gaza Strip since 1967, living among more than 1.7 million Palestinians. Now a Palestinian police force is to be established in their areas, but their security remains the responsibility of the Israeli army, which, according to the agreement, will pull back rapidly from Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho.

The Jewish settlements are to remain in place but will be subject to "final status negotiations" at least two years after the agreement takes effect. The question of Jerusalem and the future of Palestinian refugees are also to be discussed during that stage of talks.

Meanwhile, deputy army chief Amnon Shahak has said that Israel will take back at least 187 Palestinian deportees exiled to Lebanon nine months ago. They belong to Muslim *fundamentalist factions that* reject the peace agreement.

Israeli opposition leaders view *the pact as a first step towards* Palestinian statehood. They warn it will bring Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, to the *territories, fuel terrorism and* threaten the Jewish settlements in the areas captured during the 1967 war.

Ministers counter that the Jewish state is finally on the way to ending the costly conflict with the Palestinians, *having compromised none of* its basic interests.

Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the Likud party, visited Jericho yesterday along with 14 other *hardline right-wing* MPs, in a show of protest. Standing outside a house rumoured to be earmarked for Mr Arafat, Mr Netanyahu said: "I see the possibility that Arafat will move forward from this place to his next *target, Jerusalem. He has said* in Arabic that he intends to go all the way to the Mediterranean sea."

Elyakim Hatzni, a settler leader from Kiryat Arba in the West Bank, said: "Our lives are at stake. Arafat represents *a mortal danger to us just as* Hitler did to Churchill. I hope we shall one day be able to put Peres and Rabin on trial for high treason."

'We agree that it is time to end decades of confrontation'

The following are edited main points of the draft declaration of principles on Palestinian self-government.

"Israel and the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks agree that it is time to put an end to decades of confrontation, recognise their mutual legitimate and political rights, and strive *to live in peaceful co-existence, and* mutual dignity and security and achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement and historic reconciliation."

Article I: The aim of the Israeli-*Palestinian negotiations is to establish a* Palestinian Interim Self-Government Authority, the elected Council for the Palestinian people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, for a transitional period *not exceeding five years, leading to a* permanent settlement based on Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

Article II (Framework for the interim period): The agreed framework for the *interim period is set forth in this* Declaration of Principles.

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Article III (Elections): 1. Direct elections will be held for the Council, under agreed supervision and under international observation, while the Palestinian police will ensure public order. 2. Agree*ment will be concluded on the forms of* elections with the goal of holding them not later than nine months after the entry into force of this Declaration.

Article IV (Jurisdiction): The Council's *jurisdiction will cover West Bank and the* Gaza Strip, except for issues that will be negotiated in the permanent status negotiations. The West Bank and Gaza Strip is a single territorial unit whose integrity *will be preserved during interim period.*

Article V: The five-year transitional period will begin upon the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho area. Permanent status negotiations will commence as soon as possible, but not later than the beginning of the third year of the *interim period. These negotiations shall* cover remaining issues, including: Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, security arrangements, borders, relations and co-operation with other neighbours. The two *parties agree that the outcome of the* permanent status negotiations should not be prejudiced or pre-empted by agreements for the interim period.

Article VI (Transfer of powers): Upon *the entry into force of this Declaration* and the withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho, a transfer of authority from the Israel military to the authorised Palestinians will commence. Authority *will be transferred for education, culture,* health, social welfare, direct taxation, tourism.

Article VII (Interim agreement): The Israeli and Palestinian delegations will negotiate agreement on the interim period which will specify the structure of the Council and the transfer of powers. The Interim Agreement will specify the Council's executive and legislative authority and the independent Palestinian judicial organs. The Council will establish an Electricity Authority, a Gaza Sea Port Authority, a Development Bank, an Export Promotion Board, an Environ*mental Authority, a Land Authority and a* Water Authority. After inauguration of the Council, the military government will withdraw.

Article VIII (Public order and security): The Council will establish a strong police force. Israel will continue to carry the responsibility for defence against external threats as well as responsiblity for the security of Israelis.

Article X: A *Joint Israel-Palestinian* Liaison Committee will be established.

Article XI: An Israeli-Palestinian Economic Co-operation Committee will be established.

Article XII (Liaison with Jordan and Egypt): The two parties will invite Jordan and Egypt to participate in *establishing* further liaison and co-operation arrangements, including the constitution of a Continuing Committee to decide by agreement on the modalities of admission of persons displaced from the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967.

Article XIII (Redeployment of Israeli forces): *After the entry into force of this* Declaration, and not later than the eve of Council elections, Israeli forces will be redeployed outside populated areas.

Article XV: Disputes to be resolved by *negotiations through the Joint Liaison* Committee, or conciliation or arbitration.

Article XVI: The multilateral working groups are an appropriate instrument for promoting a "Marshall Plan" for the West *Bank and Gaza Strip.*

Article XVII: This Declaration will enter into force one month after its signing.

Main points contained in annexes:

Annex I: *Palestinians living in Jerusa*lem will have the right to participate in the election process. The elector agreement will allow for the possibility of licensing a broadcasting and TV station.

Annex II: The two sides will conclude and sign within two months from the date *of entry into force of this Declaration, an* agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli military forces.

The above agreement will include: arrangements for the assumption of internal security and public order by the Palestinian police force consisting of police officers recruited locally and from abroad (holding Jordanian passports and Palestinian documents issued by Egypt); a temporary international or foreign presence; establishment of a joint Palestinian-Israeli Co-ordination and Co-operation Committee for mutual security purposes; arrangements for safe passage for persons and transportation between the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Annex III: The sides agree to establish an Israeli-Palestinian Continuing Committee for Economic Co-operation. *(AFP)*

Balladur and Mitterrand square up for asylum battle

The conservative cabinet's plans for constitutional reform have set the new government on a collision course with the president that could lead to a referendum

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AFTER five months of harmonious power-sharing, Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, is on the brink of forcing a confrontation with President Mitterrand that could lead to all-out political war.

Under pressure from his Gaullist party, M Balladur was said yesterday by Alain Juppé, the foreign minister, to have presented M Mitterrand with a text for reforming the constitution to curb the right to political asylum. The prime minister's office said only that M Balladur wanted more time to think about plans for reform, which would amount to throwing down the gauntlet to the Socialist president and could end the "velvet cohabitation".

If M Mitterrand refused to endorse the government's plan, it could call a referendum that would reopen the debate over Europe and amount to a plebiscite on the president. M Mitterrand, who has been eclipsed by the huge popularity of the new prime minister, could give his first response to the plan at a cabinet meeting today.

Backed by Jacques Chirac, the party leader, Charles Pasqua, the interior minister, has argued that a failure to amend the old rights of asylum placed France at odds with the European Community's Schengen agreement on free movement in Europe, which comes into force at the end of the year. The Socialists, as well as Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the centrist leader, disagreed and opposed any change.

Announcing the proposal, M Juppé said M Balladur was trying to keep the constitutional change to a minimum, but as a defender of an asylum tradition that goes back two centuries to the revolution, M Mitterrand could be expected to refuse his assent. Under the rules of the Fifth Republic, that would leave the Gaullists with the option of calling a referendum in the face of presidential opposition. M Pasqua, who is riding a tide of popularity second only to M Balladur's, hammered home his point yesterday, saying: "Give me the means to conduct the policy that the French want — by referendum, if necessary." However, the prime minister is aware that a divisive campaign could backfire and would almost certainly destroy the remarkable consensus he has forged since the election.

A referendum campaign could give the moribund Socialist Party a cause that would revive its fortunes and it is taken as gospel that the machiavellian M Mitterrand is waiting for his first chance to break the spell that has surrounded the Balladur team. However, he may calculate that he has little to gain from opposing anti-immigration measures supported by 80 per cent of the electorate.

On the opposite side, M Chirac could have everything to gain from an action that precipitates a presidential election. The perennial Gaullist candidate has been growing impatient as he waits in the wings watching his protégé soaring ahead of him in the opinion polls. Although M Balladur remains diffident about his own ambitions, he is emerging as a power in his own right and could become a plausible alternative.

In the absence of any real opposition or any serious public debate on the wisdom of M Balladur's policies, commentators have been focusing on finding explanations for the prime minister's seemingly endless honeymoon. The latest polls show that more than 60 per cent of the public support him, more than any prime minister in the Fifth Republic except Jacques Chaban-Delmas during the boom year of 1970.

Beyond the manoeuvring over the constitution, M Balladur is aware that time is not on his side. Trade unions and the farmers are planning big protests this month. Discontent is growing among the Gaullists and their powerful business backers over his determination to maintain high interest rates and keep the franc as close to the mark as possible. Only on one point is the political world united: the need for France to resist pressure on it to endorse the US-EC agreement on farm trade within the new Gatt round.

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RESIDENTS of Vigario Geral, a shanty town on the north side of Rio de Janeiro and home to about 300,000 people, gathering around 18 victims of a massacre. Leonel Brizola, the Rio de Janeiro state governor, accused the military police of killing more than 24 slum dwellers (Gabriella Gamini writes). Ordering an investigation, Senhor Brizola said the indiscriminate attack on Monday morning on the Brazilian shanty town had been an act of revenge by military policemen after the killing the previous day of four policemen by alleged drug traffickers who hide in the slums. The governor demanded disciplinary action against the officers involved, adding: "We have started our own local investigation, but a wider enquiry is needed." Witnesses described how more than 30 hooded men armed with machineguns invaded their corrugated iron and brick dwellings, shooting at random into people's homes. "They left bodies strewn on the floor. Dozens of people were also badly injured," Pedro Mendonca, president of the association of slum dwellers, said. Rio's authorities claim 24 people were killed, but the inhabitants of Vigario Geral claim that another nine bodies were left lying in the shanty town's narrow alleyways.

Shutters battened down as Emily gains strength

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THOUSANDS of holiday-makers in the southeastern United States fled for home and residents battened down shutters as Hurricane Emily gathered force yesterday.

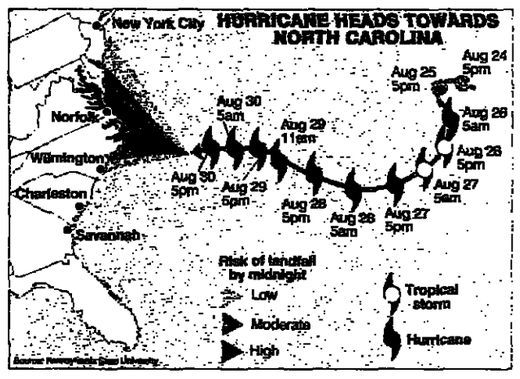
Memories of the havoc caused by hurricanes Hugo and Andrew have given coastal people a respect for storms. Emily was rated a category two hurricane, with winds between 96 and 110 miles per hour, but was strengthening to category three, with 111mph to 130mph winds. Category four was reached by both Hugo, with winds of 135mph causing 29 deaths in 1989, and Andrew, with 145mph winds leading to 55 deaths last year.

Emily was expected to hit land last night over the Outer Banks, the chain of barrier islands off North Carolina. Yesterday morning Emily's centre was 155 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. It was moving west-northwest at nine miles an hour. With Emily expected to turn northwards later, the hurricane warning extended from North Carolina up the coast to southern Delaware.

State officials ordered the evacuation of the Outer Banks. Between 70,000 and 100,000 people moved inland, bringing their summer holidays to a premature end. Elderly people who refused to leave were asked to give details of their next-of-kin. People arriving to board up their holiday homes in the islands were enraged when they were not allowed to, with police saying they were acting too late.

The US Navy moved 18 ships, including the aircraft carrier *John F. Kennedy*, from piers at Norfolk naval base in Virginia to a safety zone up to 300 miles off the coast. Aircraft took off from air force bases throughout the region to runway refuges inland.

In Washington, which was expecting only heavy rain and gale-force winds, President Clinton met disaster relief planners and promised a speedy government response if damage were widespread. "We don't control what Mother Nature does, but we're going to be on top of it with all the resources and effort we can possibly marshal as quickly as possible," said Mr Clinton, who reaped a political bonus from his quick response to the Mississippi flooding. There was already some griping over the fairness of all taxpayers having to foot the bill, through low-interest government loans, for those who take the risk of building in areas known to be at risk from hurricanes.



South Africans agree poll bills

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AGREEMENT on the shape of two draft parliamentary bills designed to ensure the fairness of South Africa's first all-race election was reached yesterday by delegates at the multi-party constitutional negotiations as they tried to meet deadlines to enable the poll to go ahead as scheduled on April 27 next year.

The delegates had been set a target to reach consensus by the end of August on four draft measures so that enabling legislation could be passed during a special short sitting of parliament starting on September 13. After months of wrangling over technical sub-committee reports, they finally got together yesterday over the drafts for independent electoral and media commissions.

But they still have to agree on the most tricky piece of draft legislation — a bill setting up the transitional executive council to work alongside the cabinet in the run-up to the election — as well as another establishing an independent broadcasting commission.

Some delegates were suggesting yesterday that the talks timetable should again be revised and the special parliamentary session postponed to October or November. They were also maintaining that a plenary session of all the participants in the multi-party talks was necessary to ratify the draft legislation before it becomes law.

Inevitably, this would mean that the election would have to be put back from April 27 — clearly a risk in the climate of expectancy and rising violence. However, President de Klerk has indicated that the government is flexible. One of his key concerns is the continued absence from negotiations of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

After a five-hour cabinet meeting on Monday, described by sources as heated, he said: "Deadlines should never be absolutely rigid if another day or another week can bring us to real and lasting solutions." He said that the cabinet would meet again today to decide if the special parliamentary session should be postponed.

The task of the independent electoral commission will be to organise and adjudicate the polls and also to supervise any referendums. Mr de Klerk hinted at the weekend that he might call an all-race referendum, which would be the first of its kind in South Africa, to try to break the logjam at the multi-party talks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Clinton urged to rejoin Unesco

Washington: President Clinton has been urged by a government task force to revive American membership of Unesco, the UN educational, scientific and cultural organisation from which Britain and the United States withdrew over its lavish spending and assaults on freedom of the press (Ian Brodie writes).

If Mr Clinton agrees, Washington would renew its membership in October 1985, ten years after pulling out. The task force concluded that Unesco is no longer in the grip of Third World and communist ideologues. They had persuaded the body to endorse a proposal to license journalists in developing countries and where possible to dispense with American and European news agencies. At the same time, Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, its Senegalese director-general, had allowed the agency's costs to spiral out of control.

Base attacked

Kuwait City: Gunmen raked an American military compound with machinegun fire as soldiers slept, the Kuwaiti press reported. They started fires and broke windows but caused no casualties. About 200 US soldiers are based in the emirate. *(AFP)*

Tamil proposal

Colombo: Tamil guerrillas in Sri Lanka have offered a peace plan aimed at ending their 13-year fight for an independent homeland, said Savumiamoorthy Thondaman, the tourism minister, who met rebel leaders in Paris and London. *(AP)*

Poaching prices

Mbabane: Swaziland has put a cash value on all endangered big game to discourage poachers, who now face up to six years in prison and hefty compensatory fines for animals they kill. A black rhinoceros is valued at £40,000. *(Reuter)*

£2m robbery

Hong Kong: Armed men stole £2 million in cash from a married couple as they left a lift on a busy Kowloon housing estate. The husband, who was taking the money to his employers, a foreign exchange company, was shot in the leg. *(Reuter)*

King of the road

Bangkok: King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand has donated more than £200,000 to Bangkok police to help to resolve the city's huge traffic problems. Half will go to buy police motor cycles and half to train officers in traffic management. *(Reuter)*

China's hostility towards Hong Kong grows as leadership succession struggle looms

Patten returns to face autumn of colonial discontent

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

CHRIS Patten, governor of Hong Kong, returned here yesterday from his holiday in Tuscany and walked straight into a hornets' nest as his introduction to a Hong Kong autumn of discontent.

Just outside Kaitak airport, more than 100 members of the Hong Kong Civil Servants' Association raised slogans and waved posters objecting to the government's permitting expatriate bureaucrats to switch their contracts to local terms. The association demands that this should be done only if the foreigners have lived here for 20 years and are fluent in Chinese. Behind the protest lies a long-simmering local Chinese resentment that expatriates receive better treatment for similar work and have better chances of advancement.

Hanging over everything is the increasingly tough line projected by Peking, internally and internationally. This toughness is directly related to the looming leadership succession struggle after Deng Xiaoping, 89, dies, in which no contender wishes to look weak.

Mr Patten arrived back just in time to receive a copy of China's white paper on Taiwan, published yesterday. It repeats in the strongest terms that Taiwan is part of China and must not drift into independence, and that if necessary China reserves the right to settle the island's fate by force. This is the familiar Deng view, but the white paper follows by only a fortnight a repetition in Peking of Mr Deng's threat in 1982 to Margaret Thatcher that if Britain did not come to heel on the future of Hong Kong, the Chinese would take unilateral action.

Mr Patten will be watching closely this Saturday when the tenth round of the Anglo-Chinese negotiations on Hong Kong's constitution convenes in Peking. The last round ended so glumly that Sir Robin McLaren, Britain's ambassador to China, found nothing faintly encouraging to say and Michael Sze, Hong Kong's Secretary for Constitutional Affairs and a negotiating team member, wondered aloud what the point was of negotiating if Peking continued to stall on fundamental questions such as the "through train", which permits members of the Legislative Council to be elected in 1995 to remain in office after Peking resumes sovereignty. China insists that such continuity will have to depend on the council members' political attitudes.

That tenth round and the rapidly following eleventh are to prepare the way for a meeting of Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister, in New York on September 23. There is already a feeling here that if these talks falter — and Britain is known to have offered concessions — the negotiations as a whole may fail. That will pose problems for Patten on October 6. On that day the council reconvenes after its summer break. In the spring, the governor had suggested that by then his plan for greater democracy in Hong Kong, which China dismisses, must have been enacted.

Now Mr Patten will be faced with a choice: either he can trigger the legislative process, which will enrage Peking, in whose view the council is an illegitimate colonial organ, or at least he will be compelled, if he asks for more time to negotiate with Peking, to give a full progress report on the negotiations so far. If he says that that would be breaking diplomatic confidences, there will be uproar in the council and beyond.



Patten: anxiety over tenth round of talks

Macho Ken steps out of the toy closet with a gay new look



Ken: homosexuals' icon

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

KEN, Barbie's plastic friend with the all-American looks, has finally come out of the closet, or possibly the toy cupboard. The newest Ken doll, manufactured by Mattel, is clad in a purple vinyl net vest, cut-off leather jacket with metal rings attached and tartan trousers. He boasts a two-tone hair-do, a necklace and an earring.

Mattel insists Earring Magic Ken is not gay, just ultra-modern. But American homosexuals plainly disagree, and the toy is selling faster than any other recent model in the Barbie line, principally to gay men. At Street Wise Two, a shop in Christopher Street, New York's most famous gay area, the doll has sold out, and *The Wall Street Journal* reports that the toy has more than doubled in price in some San Francisco shops as demand has grown.

Some Barbie watchers claim to see a logical progression in Ken's sexual development: during the Gulf war, Mattel produced the butch Desert Storm Ken resplendent in camouflage. Since President Clinton announced he was lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military, Ken has re-emerged in his more exotic wardrobe.

"Men wearing earrings have become more of a mainstream phenomenon," a Mattel spokeswoman said. "Everybody loves Barbie, and we're pleased that [gay men] are finding something to enjoy in our products as well."

Discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation is frowned on in the imaginary as well as the real world in America. Earring Magic Ken is the latest doll to adjust to changing social patterns. Last year Barbie became pregnant — by Ken presumably, although the matter is subject to debate.

America's cultural and moral guardians were divided between those who thought the toy showed a greater awareness of what some call "real-life issues", and those who argued that unscrewing Barbie's stomach to reveal a baby was misleading and made birth seem too simple.

Both Barbie and Ken have recently taken to wearing clothes by Donna Karan, the popular New York fashion designer. Chegini, a smart clothing emporium in Vienna, is currently displaying an entire range of Ms Karan's designs, modelled by the dolls.

Ken is not the first doll to be "outed". In the late 1970s, Gay Bob made a brief appearance in American shops. He wore tight jeans and a patterned shirt and came with his own closet. Gay Bob is now a collector's item, selling for up to $300 (£200). Earring Magic Ken, by comparison, costs $11.

A spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance against Defamation told the *New York Post* that the Ken doll is popular for the same reason that some movie stars are particular favourites in the gay community. "It's so far over the top as a style statement, it's like an icon."

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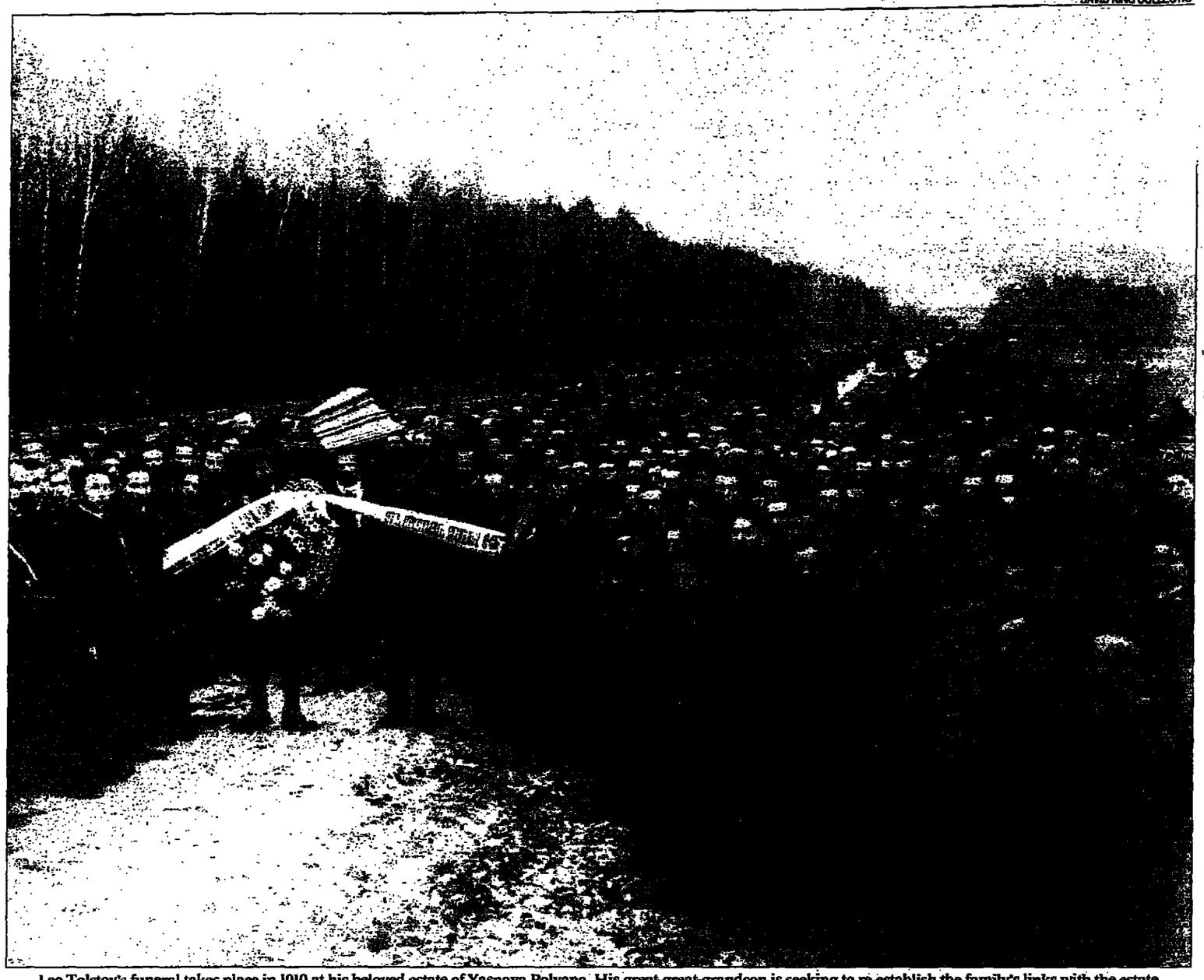
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A scion of one of Russia's greatest writers wants control of his estate, writes **Anne McElvoy**

Tolstoy family at war

DAVID KING COLLECTIO



Leo Tolstoy's funeral takes place in 1910 at his beloved estate of Yasnaya Polyana. His great-great-grandson is seeking to re-establish the family's links with the estate

All happy families resemble one another, each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way, as the unforgettable commencement of *Anna Karenina* has it. But even the most disputatious of dynasties would be hard put to match the wrangles which have ensnared Leo Tolstoy's beloved estate of Yasnaya Polyana, which provided the inspiration for his great novels.

A bitter feud has erupted between the author's great-great-grandson and the sitting administration, a battle over family inheritance, property rights and social ideals which would not have disgraced the imagination of the author.

The estate originally belonged to the family of Tolstoy's mother, Princess Marya Volkonskaya. It was her dowry on marrying Count Nikolai Tolstoy, together with eight hundred serfs. It lies three hours' drive from Moscow, in the heavily industrialised region of Tula, best known for producing the nation's samovars and parts for nuclear rockets. A few miles away from the town of Tula, a Soviet hell-hole, lies Yasnaya Polyana, an unspoilt, modest collection of low, colonial-style white buildings nestling amid birchwoods, meadows and lakes.

Just under a thousand employees ensure that the estate, museum and archives are kept in perfect condition, an idyllic evocation of the lost world of manorial Russia. In the tiny library, researchers from all over the world pore over the manuscripts and letters of their idol, and guides usher visitors into felt slippers before allowing them to tread the hallowed floorboards of the Tolstoy residence.

Yasnaya Polyana's modern problems began, in keeping with the best traditions of the grand novel, in the midst of historical upheaval, this time the collapse of the Soviet order which guaranteed that the museum would be the "cultural property of the people" for posterity. Now that that posterity has proved to have been short-lived, Volodya Tolstoy, the writer's great-great-grandson, a 30-year-old journalist on a student newspaper in Moscow, has decided that the moment is right to restore the family name to the estate.

He approached the ministry of culture and applied for the job of director of the museum. He maintains that, in the chaotic days after the Soviet Union's collapse, he was promised it. But the museum has a firmly ensconced boss, Andrei Ivanovitch, a stalwart former communist functionary. Mr Ivanovitch is a big fish in the small ponds of Tula, being not only the administrator of the 10,000 hectare estate but a member of the Congress of People's Deputies. He has the backing of the regional authorities.

His deputy, Vitaly Remizov, who looks after the day to day business of running the most popular literary museum in Russia, is an established Tolstoy expert, liked and admired by the local intelligentsia. He is horrified at the idea of one of the family's epigones taking charge. "Volodya Tolstoy is a young man," says Mr Remizov — a phrase which has a particularly damning cadence in Russian — "This job is more sensitive than he thinks. We are sitting in a shrine of spiritual culture in the midst of an industrial region. We have to respect the economic needs of the community."

Stripped of the euphemisms, this means that Yasnaya Polyana is under pressure from the newly formed business lobby of Tula to get a move on and commercialise itself.

The regional authority has discovered that it is sitting on a very valuable asset. Developers have rushed from Moscow with ideas for developing the outlying parts of the estate. Permission has already been given for the construction of a dacha colony and another application is on file to convert the old Pioneer children's holiday home on the edge of the land into a "love-hotel": a sort of Russian Club 18-30. This has horrified Tolstoy enthusiasts. "He went against many social constraints but he would not have approved of this dubious use of his old estate," says Maria Vasilyevna, one of the legions of researchers anxious to protect the estate.

Mr Remizov argues, however, that the administrators can hardly resist plans for development. "Tula is a blighted industrial base producing all the wrong things. We have to turn our attention to tourism to provide work in the area. We would be failing Tolstoy's instructions to look after the community if we did not seize that chance."

Volodya, a brash and opinionated Muscovite, has, meanwhile, marshalled the liberal Moscow newspapers against this view, although it must fairly be said that no one knows what he would do if he got his hand on the property.

Leo Tolstoy's attachment to Yasnaya Polyana — or "Bright Glade" was obsessional. He imbued it with personal mythology such as the story of the green stick buried in a ravine by his brother Nikolai after the boy had written on it the secret of "the way for all men to cease suffering ... to leave off quarrelling and to be eternally happy". It was the model for the Bald Hills estate of Count Bolkonsky in *War and Peace* and the setting for his experimental peasants' school and religious colony. He wrote in his diaries, "I cannot imagine Russia or my relationship to her without Yasnaya Polyana." Determined to distance himself and his heirs from what he regarded as the burden of property, he gave his wife Sofya Andreyevna power of attorney over his property in 1883. She then divided it between his children. After his death, Sofya committed to a letter her wish that the estate be placed "in the hands of the Russian people". But four of his five sons, unimpressed by their father's insistence that private property should not be administered for profit, tried to sell it to an American for $1 million.

> The estate is a shrine of spiritual culture

His daughter Alexandra, who had been closest to her father, bought the property and ran the estate as a co-operative. After the revolution it was nationalised and she was appointed director. But her relations with the Bolsheviks, always difficult, worsened after Stalin's accession and, in 1928, after she had been warned that her arrest was imminent, she fled to America.

A grand-daughter, Tatiana, ran the museum until the mid-fifties when she retired. The authorities, anxious to sever the last family links with the estate, then appointed a series of functionaries to the job. Today, Volodya sees his claim not just as that of a descendant, but as the restoration of history to the estate. "There should be a Tolstoy at Yasnaya Polyana," he says. "Lev [Tolstoy] would never have wished it other." He has appealed to the ministry of culture and to Boris Yeltsin for a reassessment of his claim.

Meanwhile, in one of the most beautiful places in Russia, where the secret of eternal happiness lies buried, the ugly clash of mercenary interests, garlanded with the language of ideals, echoes through the bright glades.

KASPAROV-v-SHORT



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A revolution from within

Short and Kasparov's challenge to Fide has been a long time coming

WHEN Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short sit down in the Savoy Theatre in London next Tuesday to play for *The Times* World Chess Championship they will be completing a revolution against the game's governing body which began in a Moscow hotel in 1985.

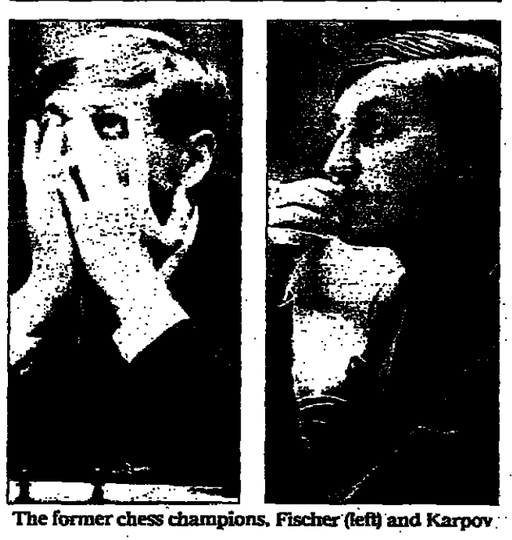
Then, as now, Kasparov was at centre stage and challenging for the title held by Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet establishment figure who complied with the standards that Fide — the game's world governing body — had come to expect since it first organised the championship in 1948.

With one exception, Soviet players dominated the game throughout this period. In consequence Fide, although it has more countries affiliated to it than any sport other than soccer, tended to defer to the autocratic Soviet system.

The only man who gave Fide serious trouble was Bobby Fischer, the brilliant but eccentric American whose victory over Boris Spassky in 1972 captured the world's imagination. There was a surge of enthusiasm for the game which lasted until Fischer fell out with Fide and became a recluse.

Karpov, the challenger for the title, became champion by default when Fischer declined to play in 1975. He was also champion in 1982, when the Filipino Florencio Campomanes was elected president of Fide. A reliable champion such as Karpov served as a role model and the two formed a close working relationship.

The match between the two began in Moscow on September 10, 1984 and the victor would be the first to win six games. Karpov quickly won four; then Kasparov drew the next 17 games before losing for the fifth time, but after four more draws Kasparov won his first game. After 14 more draws, and with Karpov exhausted, Kasparov won two consecutive games.



The former chess champions, Fischer (left) and Karpov

The match had lasted five months when Campomanes received an urgent call for help from Karpov's camp. He flew to Moscow and announced that the two players were so exhausted after 48 games that the match would be cancelled and restart in September.

Karpov burst into the hall and said he wanted to continue the match. Kasparov began the shouting match with Campomanes which continues to this day.

When the two met in September 1985, Kasparov won convincingly and has since defended the title three times against Karpov. With the Soviet grip on its citizens loosening, Kasparov refused to hand over winnings to the state and began to build a fortune. At the same time he was looking for ways of increasing the earnings of professional chess players.

Kasparov's efforts were thwarted by the fact that Karpov was his only credible rival. He knew Karpov would regain the title by default if he rebelled. It was only the emergence of Nigel Short that gave Kasparov the opportunity he had been waiting for.

What made Short and Kasparov bury their differences was Short's anger at being ignored by Fide in arranging his challenge, and his ambition to earn as much as possible out of the match.

Short would have been happy to play in his home town of Manchester, which Fide chose in February as the venue for the match. But he was certain that somebody, somewhere was ready to put up more than the £1.2 million on offer from Manchester and outraged when he learnt Fide had awarded the match to the city without consulting him.

He rang Kasparov and within 48 hours they agreed to form the breakaway Professional Chess Association. Financially the gamble paid off when they accepted a bid worth £500,000 more.

THE PCA plans to start its own world championship cycle in December, inviting the world's top 50 players to take part, leading to a title challenge against the winner of the Kasparov-Short match. The plan is to set up a travelling circus of players to compete round the world, in the mould of professional golf and tennis.

Campomanes is not giving up without a fight. He has refused to recognise the Kasparov-Short match and declared an official new world title match between the two men whom Short defeated en route to his title match: Karpov and Jan Timman, the Dutch champion. He is threatening to ostracise anybody who competes in a PCA organised event.

Whether the dispute will permanently split the game remains to be seen. For all Fide's faults, players are apprehensive about abandoning it, though many would like to see it under new leadership. The PCA's future will depend on the success of *The Times* World Chess Championship in popularising the game.

IAN MURRAY

Now you can go to the ball — on a budget

Why has a top designer lent her talents to Marks & Spencer?

For the past 30 years Caroline Charles has been one of the smartest names to have inside your skirt, jacket or ball dress. The Princess of Wales wears her frocks to weddings, Shakira Caine is seen in them at charity premieres and Emma Thompson picked up her Oscar in one.

Until recently, anyone could reproduce this look, provided they mortgaged their house, cut back on holidays and decided not to have children. A Caroline Charles evening dress costs around £700, a skirt £250 and a suit £600. Even with money as no object, the frosty atmosphere of many designer boutiques is enough to deter anyone bar a supermodel from browsing.

Within a few months, however, the Caroline Charles look will be available to everybody. From today Ms Charles is acting as a consultant to Claremont Garments, one of the largest suppliers of women's clothing to Marks & Spencer, advising on fabrics, colour and cut. It is a deal to make everybody happy. Claremont will win brownie points for netting her services, M&S can boast designer connections and Ms Charles, in addition to a large consultancy fee, will gain a public profile that most British designers lack.

When Ms Charles started out as a young apprentice to Mary Quant, London was considered the centre of the fashionable universe, with Carnaby Street as its nucleus. Today the British influence can still be found across the international collections — from the skimpy, floral dresses of last summer to the horsy tweeds that are coming in this autumn, but the talent that created it appears to be abandoning ship or going under.

Top British designers such as Vivienne Westwood, Katharine Hamnett and John Galliano have all left London for Paris and Rifat Ozbek, the British designer of the year, is now based in Milan. Two designers who stayed at home, Victor Edelstein and Arabella Pollen, recently went bust.

Manny Silverman, a consultant to the fashion industry, says: "We produce some of the best young talent in the world, but we are often unable to keep it. After training, young designers often find that no one is prepared to give their projects financial backing, so they go abroad, where designer work is more appreciated."

Appreciated or not, the fashion industry everywhere has been battered by the recession. But what has been disastrous for designers, has been good news for the consumer. As fewer people can afford high-fashion prices, designers have been forced to make their ranges more accessible. Top names such as Versace, Donna Karan and Giorgio Armani all produce popular, lower-priced ranges of clothing with a lower-quality cut and cloth.



Caroline Charles: new profile

In this country the British Fashion Council has launched a programme to get cheap designer clothing into the shops, with the aim of boosting standards of high-street fashion and giving young designers a lifeline. In addition to Ms Charles, Paul Smith, Ghost and Betty Jackson have all worked with M&S; Red and Dead has collaborated with Miss Selfridge and Ally Capellino has lent his name to Coats Viyella. "The shopping public are encouraged to buy when they see a brand name," says Mr Silverman. "It is for people with aspirations who want a taste of an exclusive world, without paying the full price."

The initiative gives the designers a short-term boost, but will it damage their long-term credibility? Why will people want to shop at Caroline Charles in Knightsbridge, when they know they can get a cheaper version in the chain store? According to Lisa Armstrong, associate editor of *Vogue*, the scheme is a good thing. "The problem with the British is that they are very sceptical about fancy clothes. They think high prices automatically mean a rip off; they can't appreciate the quality of designer work," she says. "If they see that Caroline Charles is working with safe old M&S they will feel more confident about considering her work."

Ms Armstrong admits that some of the wilder, catwalk creations may not make it into the shops. "What designers want most is to have their clothes worn," she says. "The realistic ones would rather compromise a bit and cut back on the wilder fantasies if the reward is seeing their work on display in every city in the land."

Moreover, she says, M&S is the fashion addict's staple. "If you go to M&S at the weekend you will see half the *Vogue* staff in there. The prices are a revelation. The quality is tried and trusted and they have become incredibly good at reacting fast to fashion trends. Who would have believed a few years ago that M&S would be selling flared leggings and clogs?"

JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

Somewhere, a place for us

Two fathers describe the manoeuvres needed to get their sons into university

MICHAEL BINYON



ROBIN MAYES

Hoping their grades will be high enough for the cherished place at a university of their choice, Woolwich College students check their results

We had, of course, anticipated the problem. I had spent an intensive fortnight of A-level revision with my son in June. A lot of ground clearly had to be covered. It would be a miracle if he managed the B, B, C needed for the cherished place at Edinburgh.

Martin was suffering from the over-confidence of all 18-year-olds for whom participation in the school rock group and the business of having a good time was more attractive than serious study. His thoughts were already on Canada, where he was planning his holiday job in a restaurant. Banishing all fear of failure, he bought a cheap non-changeable ticket and set off.

In a slack year B, C, D might have been a reasonable, though not spectacular, set of grades. This year they were disastrous. Edinburgh would not entertain any bargaining. The squeeze on arts candidates was sudden, brutal and, for many, final.

What should parents do? My wife began the transatlantic negotiations on what he wanted to read. I started phoning round. "Directory enquiries? Could you give me the number of the University of Keele ... the University of Leicester ... Brunel ... Salford ... Essex, no, not Exeter, Essex ..." The BT lady let slip that the operators keep a special list of all the universities beside them at this time of year.

"Admissions, which subject? Sorry, we're all full now." Or "We closed the list this morning." "How many points? Eighteen? Can you leave your number and the tutor will call back."

I quickly became an expert in the technical jargon — the points system, the clearing form, the Q request — and was eagerly solicitous of places I had loftily disdained three months ago with "Oh no, I wouldn't go there. A dull town, and a boring university".

It was a long slog. But suddenly, a break. The University of Salford still had a vacancy in politics and sociology. The tutor was helpful, the course was new, the A level in politics and economics acceptable. What is more, I did not get that deadly rebuff I had from a few others: "Oh, you're the father. We prefer the students to apply in person."

The deal was made, the Ucca card filled in, the wayward son filled with enough enthusiasm. As soon as he's off the plane, it's up to Salford to have a good look. I almost wish I was doing the course myself now. I feel I know every university tutor in the country. Do all parents have to go through this marathon?

MICHAEL EVANS

The seven quietly spoken words over the phone will never be forgotten. "We can offer your son a place."

The days leading up to the results had been predictably tense. My son went early to school on August 19 and the slumping of his shoulders gave the first hint of what we were to experience over the next few days.

He had passed in three subjects but at that stage, still ignorant of what was required as a candidate in the great clearance sweepstake, the initial reaction was to resort to the one alternative all disappointed students have at their disposal: resits.

The first good advice came from my son's school, Hampton. The teacher made it clear that there were many universities and colleges of higher education which could offer a variety of courses that might suit my son.

Every hour counts. You cannot sit back and leave it all to Ucca and Pcas. You have to fight for a place.

Although it is not quite as crude as wheeling and dealing, you learn how to play the game. You speak, wherever possible, to the admissions tutor, not the switchboard, which may just say the relevant courses are full. You offer course flexibility. Above all, you underline the positives: you promote the total points achieved.

Some tutors and heads of department — such as the lecturer at Brunel University in London, discussing the combination of English with American Studies, or the head of journalism at the new University of Central Lancashire — were genuinely interested and sympathetic. Others were apologetic and confessed to having hundreds applying with better grades.

The lesson was never to give up. Advertisements in newspapers provided proof that many universities were as anxious to fill their places as students were to find a suitable course. Although the resit option remained, the thought of going through the same experience next year, when the conditions might be even worse, became less and less attractive.

Visiting the new University of Luton, which had offered a place, was a surprisingly agreeable experience. The buildings were modern, the library was impressive and the facilities were expanding. The English course was not traditional — no Shakespeare or Chaucer — but innovative. The tutors available were enthusiastic and welcoming, and every staff member approached gave the impression that this former college of higher education was going places. The search was over.

Let's hear it for the Underclass

Mothers who rear their children alone against all the odds have the kind of backbone Britain needs

ANYBODY who mixes with real mothers finds it hard to think of them as natural members of anyone's "underclass". Not only are they naturally bossy and unvictimlike, but they generally develop a steely competence, a cunning, stoical instinct for survival. Accounts of refugees, whether from 1940s Europe or modern Kurdistan, are full of stories in which the meekest women, once entrusted with children, scheme and lie and tramp their way to freedom. The Mother Courage tendency is — like the poignant heroism of young men — one of the wonders of human nature.

It does not only appear in wartime, either. I have long marvelled at the sheer economic ingenuity of single mothers. Some do relief shifts on rural petrol-pumps, with the baby in a carrycot behind the paydesk, upwind of the leaded fumes; some go out cleaning, their toddlers trained to sit still and not break Madam's ornaments; you will find graduates at the counter in God-forsaken motorway cafés by night, or working freelance at home to de-bug computer programmes or churn out birthday-card illustrations till 3 am, so that they can sleepily care for their children by day. I would even — misguided and confused as she was — cite poor Heidi Colwell, jailed for leaving her two-year-old at home while she worked because she could see no other way out.



LIBBY PURVES

Yet still a lot of them are losing the battle. A sample of 11,000 people, tracked over several years, is not to be brushed aside: yesterday's message from the National Child Development Study ought to be taken very seriously indeed. One mother in four finds herself, in her thirties, alone; half of such mothers are dependent on the state; the impossibility of escaping this dependency is forming them into an "underclass". Bad news. Well, not news, exactly, to anyone with eyes in their head; but bad nonetheless.

One thing it does, though, is to separate the whole argument about welfare, childcare, and women's employment from the fretful areas of feminist theory, from tedious debates about working motherhood, and ministerial tirades about the turpitude of pregnant teenagers in council flats. The problem affects men every bit as much as women. Not only are they directly implicated in a breaking of vows and of trust (85 per cent of the sample were divorcees) but it does not take much figuring to work out that the children — male or female — of these trapped, excessively poor women will join them in the "underclass".

These citizens of 2010 AD will have shared their mothers' inadequate diet, poverty of expectation and sense of helpless resentment. Forget natural justice for the moment: forget feminism, altruism and all that. This is a problem for chaps too, from the Garrick Club to the factory workbench. We are letting Britain decay, from the bottom up, into a land whose citizens feel that they owe it less and less. If ever there was a case for a bit of good, pragmatic, conservative socialism, it is this.

It would take so little. Little, that is, compared to the size of the problem we are otherwise storing up. Make childcare tax-deductible. Provide nurseries, affordable and safe and educational. Invest in the infrastructure: above all in public transport that women are not afraid to use and can afford, so they get back fresh enough to communicate happiness rather than despair to their children. Abolish the poverty trap, reward initiative: let parents increase their income from odd jobs to a decent — and predictable — level before pulling the welfare rug out from under them. Help employers to appreciate the flexibility of working mothers instead of just exploiting it. Educate girls, above all, to be skilled and self-confident. It will cost money: but only seed money. Spend it, and watch how maternal ingenuity will make the desert bloom.

After all, any woman who can manage to earn a living and raise children simultaneously will be pretty unstoppable once they leave home. She will also pass on the work ethic. Government has got to overcome its all-too-visible prejudices, banish its favourite image of a feckless, hopeless slut leeching off the taxpayer, and replace it with a pin-up of Mother Courage.

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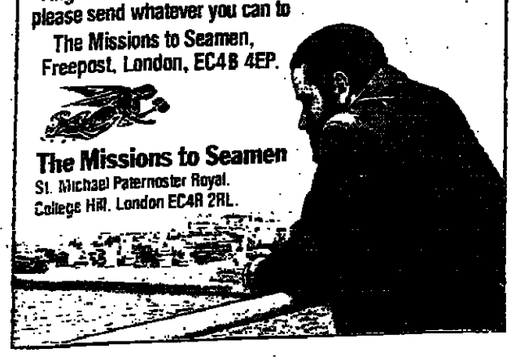
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In the future, scientists may be able to prolong life, but will it be worth living?

Going strong at 115

Fancy living to 115? Nobody goes easy into that dark night, but the prospect of extended life way beyond the biblical three score years and ten appears at first sight a mixed blessing.

The idea, discussed at a Ciba Foundation debate at the British Association meeting in Keele, is a perfectly serious one. Most theories of aging held that we grow infirm and die as the abilities of the cells to repair damage deteriorate. Eventually, accumulating damage overwhelms the system, and we die.

In this age of genetic engineering, the prospect of altering such genes is no longer a pipedream, Professor Grimley Evans, of Oxford University, told the meeting. While actually identifying the genes is still probably 20 years away, it was timely to discuss the ethical and practical consequences of such a procedure now, he said.

But first we must distinguish what we mean by lifespan. Average expectation of life, which now stands at 72 for men and 78 for women in the United Kingdom, has increased steadily with growing prosperity. But maximum lifespan, roughly 115, has hardly changed through human history. There have always been people who survived to a hale old age — Sophocles lived to 91, Plato to 87 and Isocrates to 98. King Agesilaus of Sparta died in his eighties on the way home from commanding a military campaign.

What matters is, of course, not increasing lifespan *per se*, but increasing productive life. Professor Sir Richard Doll, of Oxford University, and still working at the age of 80, told the meeting he would look forward cheerfully to another 40 years if he could be sure of seeing and hearing as well as he does now. What we want to do, said Dr Tom Kirkwood of the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill, is "not to extend later life but to slip in an extra decade between the twenties and thirties when the quality of life is good."



Plato lived to be 87, Sophocles to 91

How might it be done? Professor Evans jokingly suggested that a eugenic programme, breeding selectively from very old men, might work. It would, however, pose ethical and practical difficulties, as he admitted. More likely alternatives were understanding the genes responsible for cell repair or removing the sources of damage, among which free radicals are believed to be important. Free radicals, reactive chemicals produced by the normal process of metabolism, are blamed for many degenerative diseases, including heart disease and cancer. Mopping them up could prolong active life.

In general, delays in diseases such as stroke is a worthwhile objective. The evidence is the later the stroke, the lower the period of disability. "Put brutally, a stroke at 85 will kill, while one at 65 will disable," says Professor Evans.

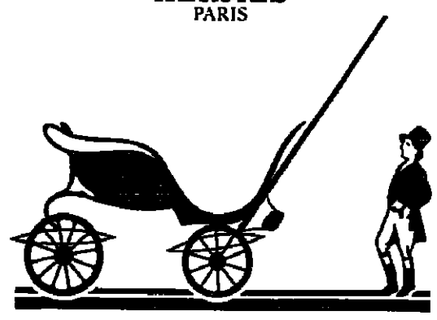
But the idea of living longer has profound social implications. At present, adult life for most people is shaped by the imperatives of working and raising a family. "Now we're presented with a situation in which people spend 20, 30, or 40 years beyond what has been defined as adult life," said Professor Eric Midwinter, a former director of the Centre for Policy on Ageing in London. "We need to define a new stage — post-adult life," he said.

The idea that old age must inevitably match Shakespeare's gloomy definition of the seventh age of man got short shrift. The major difficulty may be to provide reasons for living. "Our lives are a series of challenges," Dr Kenneth Boyd of the university of Edinburgh said. "I'm not sure what these challenges are, after a certain age." Except, perhaps, retaining sufficient strength to open the Queen's telegram on your hundredth birthday.

NIGEL HAWKES

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Alan Coren



■ Beware of Germans bearing gifts, especially big, tax-free ones

You want to know how bad things are in Germany? Things are so bad in Germany that the Germans are trying to raise money in Cricklewood. That's how bad things are in Germany.

I tell a lie, they're worse. The Germans are trying to raise the money from writers. This means the Germans are not only broke, they are also either crazy or desperate, or, God help us, both, and these are not things the rest of us want the Germans to be, because we have some reason to believe that broke crazy desperate Germans spell trouble. Now let us look H.G. Schulze in the mouth.

Apart from anything else, and there is a lot of that, H.G. Schulze is a great disappointment to me. When you are a writer, and your publisher forwards a big fat letter from Germany, your first reaction is, oh wow, a German wants to publish my books, why else is he writing c/o my publisher, this is a big fat envelope because it has a big fat contract in it, let me rip it open and find the magic word Deutschmark and see how many noughts come after it.

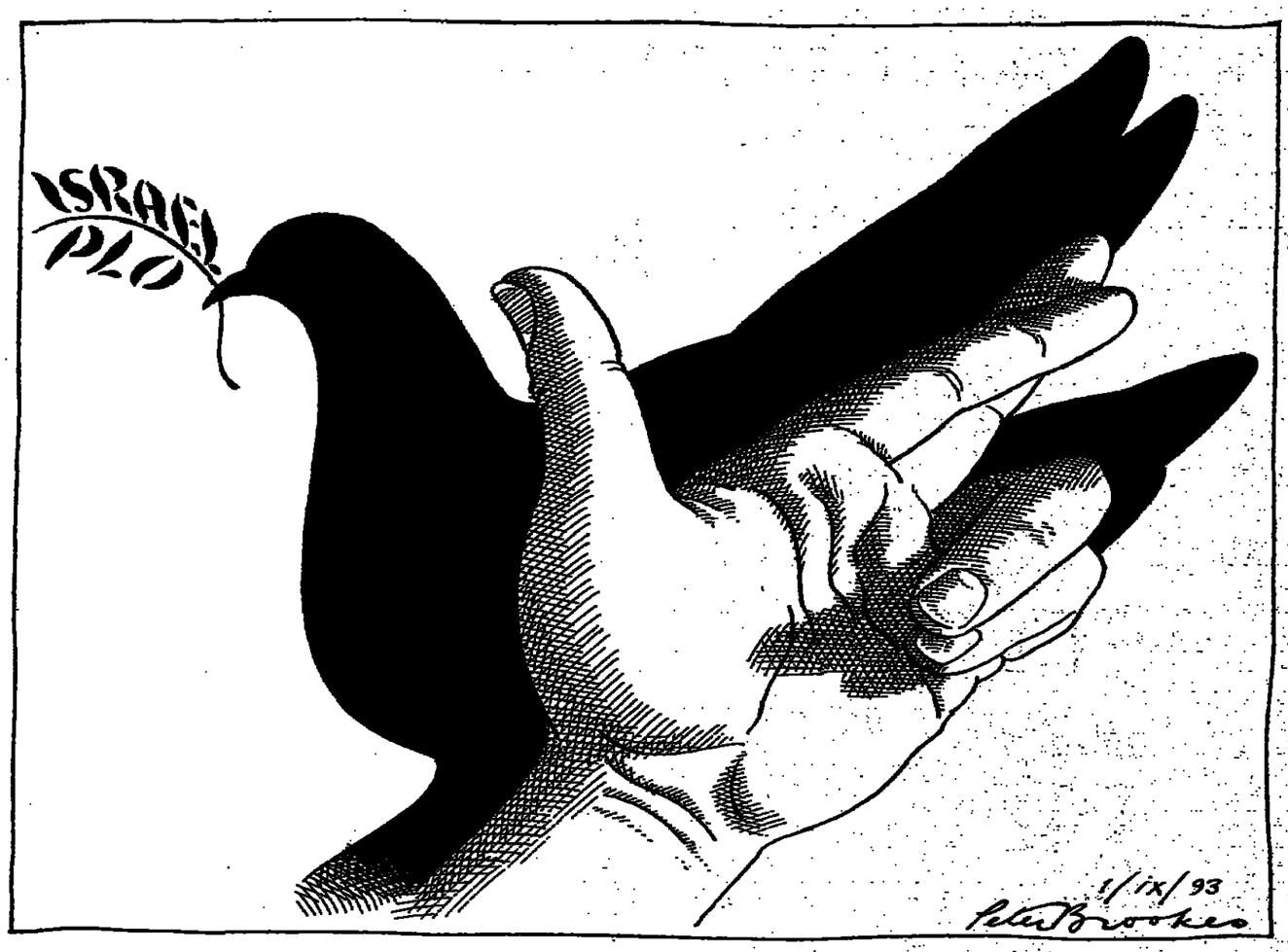
So I did that, and, blow me, there *was* the magic word, and do you know how many noughts came after it? Six. H.G. Schulze, for he it was who had signed the document, was offering me DM12,000,000, and just in case I did not know what a DM was, he had not only appended the information that it was "the hardest and best currency of the world!", he had also translated it into $8.4m, which — could it get better? Yes, it could — H.G. Schulze was prepared to cough up "according to your instructions, in any country in the world — with utter discretion and tax-free!"

Now, do you know what alerted me to the possibility that, first impressions notwithstanding, all might not be quite tickety-boo? The two exclamation marks: 30 years in the galleys have taught me that publishers' lawyers are a far tighter-lipped breed than their clients, your jolly lunch with the Armani suit is invariably followed by an unjolly contract from the Hepworth one, these chaps do not chuck enthusiastic punctuation about, their work is all monitory colons and qualifying parentheses. So I read from the bottom line up, as one invariably does with contracts, and, sure enough, H.G. Schulze was not offering DM12,000,000 to translate my books, he was offering it in return for my sending him £720 (*sic*) for a wad of German State Lottery tickets. Because H.G. Schulze turns out to be not a publisher at all; he is a *Nordwestdeutsche Klassenlotterie* agent.

I know what happens. Chancellor Kohl, his *Wirtschaftswunder* going down the tubes and the nightmare of Weimar's Mickeymaus currency haunting even his waking hours, summons his crack *Waffenlotterie* squad to his bunker to tell them that the Fatherland needs even more money than may be drummed up from their cash-strapped countrymen. They must seek *Geldraum*: there is nothing for it but to *fahren gegen England* and her green shoots of recovery. As one man the agents cry: "*Zum Befehl, Mein Reichskanzler!*", and, snapping their heels together so sharply that their monocles fly to the ends of their tethers, they peel off in pursuit of soft underbellies.

But how to target them? Who has big bucks in England, now? A tricky one, this, but H.G. Schulze thinks he knows, for he has infiltrated the Frankfurt Book Fair, no doubt in the bowler hat and furled umbrella of his covert trade, he has eavesdropped the trading in Archer and Collins and le Carré and Mayle, he has glimpsed the goldmine upon which a few British writers sit and, assuming it to be quarried by all, is now working his way through *Books In Print*. That he has scant inkling of Britain's literary world is evident not only from his addressing me as Mr Coren Alan, but from the fact that he believes Mr Coren Alan to be a sportsman who chucks the stuff about in £720 lots.

More misinformed yet, is the line beneath his signature: "PS. Come visit Hamburg! I will treat my customers from abroad to a meal in an authentic Hamburg restaurant." Nice try, Schulze, but no deal: *Vorsprung durch Technik* may be what they say in Germany, but what we say here is that there's no such thing as a free lunch. Ask any publisher.



Sunk by science fiction

The government is dragooning students out of arts and into the sciences on the basis of a giant misunderstanding

Simon Jenkins

So John Patten wants to know what has gone wrong. One of the grand ventures of postwar economic planning has come unstuck. Five years ago Margaret Thatcher's cabinet took a view that the country "needed" more scientists. Universities were told to offer more science places. Whitehall brought in a draconian grant system to force through its wishes. Schools were told to produce thousands more science pupils. Comrade Stakhanov stirred in his grave — and smiled.

What has happened? Last month's GCSE and A-level results show that the nation's young people have given two fingers to the whole policy. They do not want to study science. They find it boring; and it does not pay well. They want to study the arts and social sciences. They have made this plain as a pikestaff. Over the duration of the policy, the number taking science GCSE courses has fallen by 10 per cent. In the past year, entries in physics, chemistry and biology fell by 16, 14 and 12 per cent respectively. Numbers taking physics A-level fell this year by 10 per cent. Down too was A-level mathematics. Rising instead are subjects such as English, art and design, computing and social science.

Once upon a time, universities would have responded to this shift in customer demand by cutting back on science courses, which are anyway expensive, and expanding arts courses, which are cheap. Before Mrs Thatcher's planners arrived on the scene, universities were relatively autonomous in deciding what subjects they offered. In the great expansion of the 1960s, universities competed for students by offering courses that attracted the brightest. True, the government paid. But the government was not, as now, ordering the universities to supply specific graduate skills. (Except in medicine, with chaotic fluctuations in the supply of doctors.) Even Labour governments would have regarded such dirigisme as beyond reason.

Not so the Tories. We now have the absurdity of a government distorting the free market by diverting subsidy from popular arts courses to unpopular science ones. A university gets just £1,300 for each arts place and £2,700 for each science place. Last December, in pursuit of its science-first policy, the government cut the subsidy for an arts place by £550. The result is a predictable shortage of arts places and an excess of science ones. A and B grades are needed for the former, two E grades will do for the latter. As the admissions clearing house moves into action this week, thousands of students with A-levels too poor for an arts place must ponder whether to accept a transition course and do a science degree instead.

The taxpayer is thus paying out huge sums to induce poorly qualified students into a costly course that they do not want to study — and are most unlikely to use in their careers. This is the education department's answer to the Brussels butter mountain: stimulating the production of thousands of disgruntled and probably unemployable science graduates. I can think of nothing more demoralising for a university science department and nothing worse for the reputation of science as a course of study.

Science education has now achieved a status within government akin to famine relief and animal welfare. Its value is put beyond question and beyond price. In the 1987 Tory campaign guide, "the country needs more scientists" was asserted as axiomatic. This truth, said one of the education ministers, George Walden, arose from "a clear practical and intellectual recognition in our universities". Who says, and by what measure?

I would be laughed to scorn if I suggested that Britain needs more merchant bankers, dress designers, journalists or Greek historians — and that the government should see to it. What are the economic externalities that make scientists a special case, make them so inviolate to normal economic forces? If the economy was crying out for them, it would pay them higher salaries. It does not. High salaries go to those skilled in finance and accountancy, subjects long neglected by universities. Why are they derided as "vocational" but microbiology or soil chemistry not so?

Many scientists are so little needed in Britain that they go abroad. We educate scientists for the rest of the world but there is no evidence that we want more of them ourselves. The science lobby recently complained both that Britain needs more scientists and that they were shockingly underpaid. This sounds like a failure not of science but of elementary economics.

There is only one indicator of the skills that a national economy "needs". It is not the manpower forecast of a bureaucrat or lobbyist. It is the price that a skill commands in the market place. At the height of the 1980s graduate jobs boom, the jobs market sought economic, linguistic and administrative skills and rewarded them well. Even science-based companies need relatively few highly qualified scientists. They demand experience in finance, design, marketing and computing. These are the subjects to which young people are sensibly turning. They are not stupid. They know where the jobs are and what pays well. Yet public money is being diverted to fight the last war but one.

The natural sciences are a difficult, challenging and highly specific field of study — rewarding in ways distinct from vocational utility. But I am equally sceptical of efforts (for instance at this week's British Association Science Festival) to present them as a liberal education in itself. This is a revival of the campaign to "bridge the two cultures" in the 1960s. The case was not won by Lord Snow then and is unlikely to be won now. The second law of thermodynamics will not stand on a cultural par with *Pride and Prejudice*. It is one thing for talented communicators such as Bronowski, Medawar and, more recently, Stephen Hawking to bring alive the great adventure of discovery. It is quite another to dress mutton up as lamb and hope young people will not notice.

A girl was interviewed by the BBC last week after being rejected for a drama course but offered a physics one. "I don't know," she said ruefully. "Science is so difficult and irrelevant. Drama is, well, me." I doubt if she will ever be an industrial chemist, but she might have found intellectual and personal enlightenment from drama. The uncritical absorption of a vast mass of knowledge — the essence of A-level science — may be necessary for those whose living will depend on it. But we should be suspicious of any specialism, be it chemistry or architecture or dentistry, which demands a decade of intensive and exclusive apprenticeship and special government treatment to protect it. I hear an axe grinding and a closed shop at work.

To the working and playing lives of the vast majority of modern students, sixth-form or university maths and science are irrelevant. Such study is stuck in the "long and ghastly kitchen" through which a student must pass to Claude Bernard's "superb and dazzling hall" of advanced science. Such coursework is not a self-contained liberal education. As Libby Purves implied in this newspaper last week, for thousands of expensively trained science graduates, science will be no more than a stimulating hobby. To pretend that it should stand in the school pantheon alongside linguistic skill or a knowledge of the world and its history, of money, the economy, law and politics — which every young person should possess — is obscurantism.

The fascination of modern students with the imagination, creativity, the history of art and design, the study of human relationships is not just the hope of an easy option. Young people sense that whatever career they take up — or none — these subjects will enrich their lives and those of their children. They will be enjoyable and constantly useful. I cannot see how it helps the cause of science to oversell itself in this respect. Science is now incomparably better taught than it used to be. Yet there appears to be a fierce reaction against it among pupils. They are voting against it with myriad UCCA crosses.

These students have pulled off a remarkable coup. They have challenged the universities to respond to their demand and break free of state planning. They have taught a Tory cabinet a lesson in free market economics. They have told the Treasury not to squander public money. What a delicious irony. There is hope for this country yet.

Making a killing in crime

A law and order drive has risks, says **Peter Riddell**

Shrewd politicians have often steered well clear of law and order. When the Major government was formed in November 1990, Michael Heseltine was offered the post of home secretary, but declined, remembering the warning to him by Iain Macleod that it was full of headaches, and offered few rewards. No home secretary has gone on to become Tory leader over the past half century, apart from Winston Churchill, but he was home secretary 30 years before he became prime minister, and at that time a Liberal.

Now, however, Michael Howard is eagerly highlighting law and order at every opportunity from *Today* to *Newsnight* with all available tabloids in between. Equally significant, Tony Blair has sought to raise the Labour standard on what has traditionally been Tory ground. And the Liberal Democrats are also making crime a central theme of their annual conference.

Few political issues offer a larger gap between rhetoric and results. Not only are the statistics notoriously unreliable, since they measure merely variations in recorded incidents, but there is no agreed or easy way to improve matters.

The prominence of law and order in part reflects widespread, and genuine, public concern. Successive opinion polls by MORI have shown that people are more worried about violent crime and have less confidence in the police and the criminal justice system. These fears have been highlighted by greater media coverage of a number of well-publicised incidents. Most people do not believe that wrongdoers will be caught and, even if they are, will receive sufficient punishment. Previous attempts to deal with law and order are seen as ineffective, if not counter-productive.

There has also been the coincidence of the far-reaching Sheehy enquiry on the structure of the police and the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, both requiring a government response (probably after the Tory conference). Even before Mr Howard took over from Kenneth Clarke three months ago, the government had planned bills on police, criminal justice and Sunday trading which would dominate the next parliamentary session.

The Tories acknowledge that they suffered during the Christchurch by-election from voters' worries over crime, mentioned by more people than the extension of VAT or Maastricht.

Moreover, Labour is contesting the Tories' claim to be the party of law and order. Mr Blair has made several well received speeches, even been cheered by the Police Federation. He has emphasised punishment as well as prevention, and the need for personal responsibility for crime. He has not just "talked tough" but argued for a broader approach focused on community-based action.

So the government has to be seen to be doing something. Highlighting law and order appears to be a way not only of responding to the worries of Tory activists, as shown in the number of resolutions on the issue for the party conference, but also of reuniting the party. Unlike Europe, tax increases or spending cuts, action on crime offers the hope of rebuilding public support for the Tories.

That suits Mr Howard, who is an ambitious and highly political minister. He is a natural activist, keen on launching initiatives, though the profusion of stories and leaks of recent weeks risks confusion and lack of focus. He also faces the challenge of renewed exchanges with Mr Blair (begun before the election when they battled over employment policies). The outcome could affect the reputation and prospects of both. Mr Blair is the Labour politician whom Tory leaders say they fear most as a potential successor to John Smith.

So when Mr Howard talks of having been given a considerable opportunity to take effective action, this has several implications. The public and party mood is right. He has the support of the prime minister and the required parliamentary time. While this winter's bills originate from Mr Clarke's time at the Home Office, Mr Howard has injected his own populist emphasis about greater powers for the courts and a tougher prison regime. He also added a chapter to the police white paper about a new partnership with the public, using people not as vigilantes but to assist the police and as special and parish constables.

Emphasising law and order has risks. It can build expectations that are almost bound to be disappointed, since the government has no control over what happens. A Gallup poll this week showed that just 15 per cent were very or fairly confident that the government would succeed in reducing substantially the amount of crime, with nearly half not very confident and a third not at all confident. Mr Howard's response is that the government has to be seen to be responding to the public's worries through measures which make a difference, such as giving the courts extra powers, as has already started.

Similar approaches have been tried since 1979, leading to bottlenecks in the courts and increases in prison numbers, which subsequent measures such as the much criticised 1991 Criminal Justice Act sought to remedy.

Mr Howard is too astute a politician to believe there are any panaceas. While a self-proclaimed tough approach should win cheers at the party conference, and in the Commons, it could make the public more impatient. Mr Heseltine's wariness of the Home Office has yet to be proved wrong.

Utter bounders

WHERE the democratic process fails, the Boundary Commission may yet succeed. Indeed, so great is concern among Sheffield MPs that the commission's latest machinations may do a number of them out of a job, the MPs, both Labour and Conservative, are joining forces to oppose them.

This unholy alliance will go into battle on Monday at a public meeting with the Boundary Commission, which wants to transfer the Walkley ward from Labour-held Hillsborough to Conservative Hallam. In both seats the Liberal Democrats were runners-up at the last election.

Not surprisingly, Irvine Patnick, the Tory whip and MP for Hallam, is opposed to the transfer, which could jeopardise his seat, and is returning from his Spanish holiday to attend the meeting. He will be joined by a host of Labour MPs who fear they will suffer from a "domino effect" of subsequent changes, including Bill Michie. Labour MP for Heeley.

"All the affected MPs have sent in submissions. It wouldn't work and most people have accepted that. But I do not want to upset the Boundary Commission before I speak to them on Monday," says Michie. "It is some feat to unite us with the Conservatives, but maybe consensus politics is finally making a comeback."

Consensus or not, politics matters not one jot to the commission. "We do not look at politics: I have no idea what we are doing politically," says Ian Hall of the commission's secretariat. "Any political grievances will be a non-starter."

● *Kenneth Clarke take note. A fellow member of the Garrick has come up with a way of increasing revenue — without raising income tax. He has suggested that a charge be levied on every member who appears on television wearing Clarke's favourite fashion accessory, the club's salmon and green tie. All we need is a tax on Hush Puppies and the country's problems will be over.*

Head of the board

LORD Lawson could well have offered more tips on how the country's jobless might amuse themselves in his speech to the British Association Science Festival yesterday. For although the former Chancellor was strong on the need to help the so-called underclass, some felt he was light on practical advice. But not, it seems, light on practical experience.

For one of the more illuminating revelations in Kenneth Baker's book *The Turbulent Years* is that in his spare time at Domeywood the former Chancellor turned regularly to the bagatelle board — and became something of an expert at the game. Baker cites the bagatelle scorebook at Domeywood. Only those who score 1,000 points off 20 balls are entered in the book, he points out. Churchill achieved it once, as did the young William Waldegrave when visiting as a schoolboy; also Lord Whitelaw's wife Celia, apparently a demon player. "But the recent star was Nigel Lawson — five entries of one thousand points are recorded against his signature. He must have spent literally hours and hours at the bagatelle board — a happier and more predictable pastime than coping with the economy or Margaret."

Coining it

UNDETERRED by the burglars who made off with their pockets full of ancient Roman coins and jewellery this summer, the British Museum is busily preparing to accept another treasure trove or two.

The museum has been left a collection of 900 Venetian coins and medals, which date from AD 840 and were amassed by the late Philip Greenall, an expert in the field. The decision to leave the collection was made by his widow Stella, who is stoic in the face of the museum's recent mishap. "I didn't think twice about the burglary," she says.



Such confidence is well placed, says the British Museum, which is also expected shortly to acquire the Hoxne Hoard of 200 Roman objects and 14,780 coins discovered late last year in a Suffolk corn field. "The burglary was a disturbing experience," says a spokesman. "But we do still pride ourselves on one of the most technically advanced security systems available." And the most technically advanced burglars.

Making the Grade

AT THE tender age of 19, Jonathan Grade is losing little time in following in his father's Havana-powered vapour trail. He has landed a job as researcher, runner and coffee maker for Chrysalis Films, which makes *Football Italia* for Channel 4, where father Michael is chief executive.

His sporting debut came, says Jonathan, after encouragement from his father, who started his journalistic career as a sports writer on the *Daily Mirror*. He insists, however, that Grade senior's influence played no part in his landing the job. "He said it would be interesting working on Italian football with the start of the football season and he put me in touch with Chrysalis. When this job came up I applied and got it."

On the beat

MORE from John Major's turbulent backyard. The president of the Huntingdon Conservative Club, Anthony Finch-Knightley, has written to the *Huntingdon Town Crier* condemning the Sheehy report. "You can't play Russian roulette with the British police force," he storms.

Finch-Knightley, whose Tory credentials include six years of active service in the army, 25 years as a magistrate, and a term as chairman of the Huntingdon party, adds: "By offering financial incentives you could finish up with whiz-kids only interested in the salary ... There is no wonder that morale among officers is at a low ebb. The Sheehy report should be scrapped and consigned to the dustbin."

Despite his fury, Finch-Knightley insists he still backs Major. "I was one of the three people who selected him for the seat. He has had a rough time of it recently. Over this I hope he will hear all points of view and decide himself. He is the prime minister after all."

A DIFFERENT PEACE

America's role in the Middle East is more central than ever

In 1988 Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's chairman, spoke at the United Nations of bringing "the People of the Book" together on common terms in "the land of Palestine". Now, in the wake of the Gulf war, necessity has outrun rhetoric to yield the first real sliver of common ground.

The declaration of principles agreed between Israel and the PLO differs from all previous Arab-Israeli peace plans bar Camp David in three crucial respects. First, it meets the realistic criterion set two years ago by George Bush at the Madrid peace talks: America, he said then, could be a catalyst, but peace could be made only by "the parties who must live with the consequences". Extremists in both the Israeli and Palestinian camps threaten the architects of this compromise with the direst of consequences, and scepticism is not confined to them. But what is significant is that all concerned take the plan completely seriously — precisely because it has been agreed at the very top.

The second is that the ground is exceptionally fertile. Both actors sense an opportunity to strike a deal, an opportunity both finite in duration and genuine. Largely as a result of his gigantic error in backing Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, Mr Arafat's PLO is low in funds, in prestige, and in credit with its Arab sponsors and the increasingly radicalised Palestinian poor. Outflanking his accredited negotiators, he has gambled that immediate self-rule on a "fast track", starting with Gaza and Jericho, would create new facts on the ground — including a badly needed power-base for himself at the centre of the action. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's prime minister, has for the moment an unusually solid majority in the Knesset, of 67 to 53, and a public anxious for the results "within months" he promised when elected last year.

The third distinctive feature of the prospective deal is that, incomplete as it is in geographical scope and in substance, it rules out almost nothing for the future. More than a declaration, much less than a fully-fledged agreement, its indeterminate features will make the steps to practicable, signed agreements a severe test of statesmanship. Israeli ministers must resist the temptation to still criticism by emphasising how little they have "given away". Mr Arafat, long used to hedging every bet, could destroy the process by even hinting that the PLO still seeks sovereignty from Jordan to the Mediterranean and that his acceptance of Israel's right to exist is only tactical.

Equally, because both sides accept its "confidence-building" character, self-rule in "Gaza-Jericho-first" coupled with more limited autonomy elsewhere will provide both Mr Arafat and Mr Rabin with a ready retort to sceptics. There is no appeasing Palestinian rejectionists and the vocal Israeli minority which insists that Israel has not occupied, but liberated, the biblical territories of "Judaea and Samaria", but provided negotiations do not stall once more, the message that the best must not be made the enemy of the good has broad appeal. The alternatives, in the context of rising fundamentalist militancy and power, are stark.

The good, however, must be evident. Israel, as the stronger party, needs to interpret this strange formula with imagination and generosity. Withdrawing its troops from Jericho and the Gaza tinderbox is important, and Israeli control must be reduced to the minimum consonant with security. But Israel's social and commercial dealings with Palestinians must be transformed too. Shimon Peres's "good neighbours" promise must find early expression in improved living standards and prospects.

Both enclaves are economically dependent on Israel. The Nordic countries are poised to invest substantially in Gaza; America and the European Community should do likewise, and should also encourage Arab governments to overcome their distaste for Mr Arafat — not to mention their discomfiture at having been sidelined in the secret talks of recent weeks — and invest. The atmosphere at the Washington talks has been transformed, and the prospects for a wider Middle Eastern peace with them, but years of abortive shuttle diplomacy bear witness to the proclivity of Arab-Israeli negotiations to founder and Syria's silence bodes ill. America's "catalytic" influence will never be more necessary than in the weeks ahead.

KEY TO THE PRISON

The home secretary must restore faith in prison privatisation

The prison privatisation programme is still desperately in need of a committed political champion. The incompetent management of the East Midlands and Humberside prison escort service by the private security firm Group 4 and the criticisms levelled at the privately-run Wolds remand centre by Judge Stephen Tumim last week have been seized upon by opponents of contracting out. Ministers have yet to mount a convincing counter-attack.

If privatisation is to succeed, Michael Howard, the home secretary, must make its merits more intelligible. The prison service is a highly inefficient monopoly, burdened by sluggish management, union intransigence and centralisation. It can only benefit from the smack of competition. The government's plan is not to sell off jails but to contract out their management to the bidder who offers the best service and value for money. The public sector will compete with private firms for the taxpayer's custom.

This will necessarily be a slow business; but the sooner the benefits of competition are felt, the better. Mr Howard is right to proceed with the next group of contracts and to resist those who have called for a halt to privatisation. Although Judge Tumim was indeed critical of drug abuse and "corrupting lethargy" at the Wolds, he also heaped praise upon the remand centre's staff and facilities. Blakenhurst prison in Worcestershire, which was opened by UK Detention Services Ltd in May, is understood to be running smoothly. To suspend reform now would damage the fledgling market in prison services.

Instead, Mr Howard should acknowledge the flaws in the privatisation programme and move swiftly to correct them. Though a measure of commercial confidentiality should be respected, the contracts between the prison service and private firms must become much more open. Parliament has a right to know essential details such as the staffing levels of companies running prisons, the procedures used to review contracts and the penalties for incompetence included in such agreements. A public service which spends £1.6 billion a year must be accountable to the taxpayer for the commercial decisions it takes.

Mr Howard must also clarify his overall strategy for the prison service. As disquiet with the criminal justice system mounts, he is under fierce political pressure to increase the number and duration of custodial sentences. Since the amendments announced to the 1991 Criminal Justice Act in May, the prison population has been rising by about 200 a week and will probably reach the capacity level of 50,000 by Christmas.

Building new prisons is slow and capital-intensive. The prison service is already considering the use of ships, disused government buildings and army camps to accommodate new inmates but such makeshift arrangements can scarcely be a long-term solution. Private investment in prison building may soon become essential. Meanwhile, the home secretary should emphasise the savings that have already been achieved by contracting out. A prisoner in the state sector costs £440 per week; at Blakenhurst the bill is £130 less. That comparison alone should be a powerful incentive to make privatisation work.

WAITING FOR GODETTE

Cherchez la femme says Samuel Beckett's estate

Samuel Beckett, "the atheist from Paris", has dashed artistic hopes on the Edinburgh fringe. His estate has invoked a draconian commandment, as posthumously uncompromising as he was when alive: Thou shalt not transmute or transmogrify anything Beckettian. "Any production which ignores my stage directions is completely unacceptable to me," he once intoned. Put simply, there can be no oestrogen in Estragon.

Beckett's magnetism was due in part to his cussedness. When awarded the Nobel prize for literature in 1969, he grunted the word "*catastrophe*" to his concierge and absconded to Tunisia. There, he led a paranoid, briefly peripatetic, existence, moving from hotel to hotel, encased in pseudonimity. What he chose to call himself is not known. Perhaps it was Clov, or Hamm, Nell or Nagg, the harshly monosyllabic names of his characters in *Endgame*. That play was banned in Britain by the Lord Chamberlain who, with a whiff of oxymoron, deemed the prayer scene to be "blasphemous".

It is a queer old play, whose characters are, variously, unable to sit, blind, impotent, unable to stand, and senile. In a simplified nutshell, it is about people sitting in dustbins and despairing. (Who would not despair, it might be asked, if seated in a dustbin?) Beckett was entranced by the sordid and the bleak, and the Parisian *clochard* was trash incarnate. (In his taste for tramps he was in Orwell's excellent company). He was, in fact, once knifed by one, and almost died. On recovery, he called on his assailant — an aimless, deeply shabby old boy — in order to discover the cause of the attack. "*Je ne sais pas, monsieur*", the derelict replied. It could have been a line from Beckett.

On the qui vive for women in *Godot*, Beckett's estate has decided that Emma-Jayne Showman cannot play Estragon. She could, of course, have chosen to play Winnie in *Happy Days*, although that would have involved performing alone for almost two hours, buried up to her neck in sand. It is but natural that she should prefer Vladimir's company to a sapping spell of arenaceous isolation. She should, in any case, see Susan Sontag. Amid the admiration of that redoubtable lady's achievement in staging *Waiting for Godot* in war-gouged Sarajevo, her real accomplishment has eluded attention. Her performance features not one but two women (even if Beckett would, like Plautus, think that "two women are worse than one"). And why not? After all, one thing that women are said to be best at is waiting. Waiting, even, for *Godot*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The UN in theory and practice

From the Director of Oxfam

Sir, Oxfam works in eight countries where the United Nations has a peacekeeping mission. While it is true that the UN has high costs and sometimes inefficient structures, as your editorial points out ("Troops on the take", August 27), it is also the case that underfunding and limited political backing from donor governments dog the UN's ability to operate effectively.

Oxfam's in-country staff increasingly find themselves working with UN agencies which are in a vicious circle: underfunded, therefore overstretched, therefore unable to deliver. If governments will not meet their financial commitments, despite the pleas of the UN secretary general, or if they prefer to pick and choose which UN initiatives to support, then much of the blame for the UN's ineffectiveness should be laid at their doors, not the UN's.

Paradoxically, it is sometimes easier to raise money for peacekeeping once conflict has broken out than for operations to prevent conflict, or to enable people to recover after hostilities have ended. This "fire brigade" mentality is shortsighted as in the long run it is more expensive than investing in development now.

At this moment, for example, donor governments are willing to fund the repatriation of 150,000 Eritrean refugees but so far have been willing to stump up only 15 per cent of the money needed for the UN and the Eritrean government to provide the returnees with basic infrastructure.

The UN is also looking to create a world-wide integrated early-warning system for humanitarian and human rights crises to facilitate preventive diplomacy. Such a system should save money, but it will also require funding to set it up; it will be interesting to see if donor governments are willing to fund prevention rather than cure.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Sterling Stover

Sir, Your leading article indicates that United Nations peacekeeping is developing a damaging reputation for extravagance. Having just returned after ten days in Croatia, helping to organise private relief efforts, I would say that the same can be said for UN relief work.

Relief work in and around Zagreb (where there are more than 170,000 refugees, the majority from Bosnia-Herzegovina) takes on two quite contrasting aspects. There are the official UN agencies, whose most visible presence was in the lobby of the Intercontinental Hotel, and the many shiny, white cars, which seem more ubiquitous in Zagreb than black cabs in London.

No such cars, however, are to be seen at the Spansko refugee camp, less than five miles away, where almost 1,000 refugees (including more than 200 children) live in loose box-style barrack buildings that in Britain would be condemned as unfit for horses. The real work there and in other refugee camps, as well as in the grossly overcrowded and often squalid flats in which most refugees are living, is being done largely by small, grassroots organisations, which rely mainly on amateur volunteers (both local and foreign) and poorly paid staff.

For example, I viewed the work of one such organisation, which supplies relief workers for some 21 refugee camps. Operating on a shoestring budget, they do so at a cost per worker for three weeks of £37, which is supposed to cover living and administration.

There are more than 150 non-governmental agencies working at grassroots level throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. They seem to me generally highly efficient and cost-effective.

Yours faithfully,
STERLING STOVER
(Headmaster),
Bruern Abbey School,
Oxfordshire, OX7 6PZ.

Bletchley recalled

From Mrs Kenneth Snelson

Sir, As a civilian member of the Bletchley Park codebreaking team 1943-5, employed by the Foreign Office, I am pleased that our vital contribution towards winning the war is generally recognised (report, August 27), though not by the Crown. Unlike members of the WRNS and ATS who did the same work, I have no medal to wear on Remembrance Day.

Yours faithfully,
MOYNA SNELSON,
Hambledon House,
Cherry Garden Lane,
Wye, nr Ashford, Kent.

From Mrs Joy Broad

Sir, I can well understand Archdeacon Austin's surprise (letter, August 28) at your Diary report of August 27, attributed to me, that my late husband, Hugh Russell, had known of "the invasion of Dunkirk some eight months before the engagement". Of course, what I said to your reporter was "the invasion on D-Day".

Yours faithfully,
JOY BROAD,
Quiet Waters, Roundstone Lane,
Angmering, West Sussex.

Campaign for a Muslim-only school

From Mr David H. Solomons

Sir, I have been following with interest and concern the correspondence which has ensued since your original report (August 19) and admirable leader (August 20) on the refusal to grant voluntary-aided status to the Islamia primary school in Brent, north London.

I cannot help but contrast Mr Sarwar's dignified and constructive letter to you (August 23) with the letter from Baroness Blatch (August 25). I regard the latter as special (not to say specious) pleading, particularly when she writes:

The High Court judge stressed that there could be *no* criticism of the decision reached by the then Secretary of State. But the judge considered that there had been a mistake in the procedure adopted by the Secretary of State in reaching his decision, which led to manifest unfairness.

This is likely to be unintelligible to many of your readers. The clear implication is that the procedure before decision-making is a mere detail. Needless to say, the original judgment that the decision-making process was manifestly unfair and that the decision was accordingly to be quashed was of the greatest importance.

The education secretary, who according to your report was impressed by the excellence of the school, is a Roman Catholic. I am a Jew. Both of us have had the opportunity, of which Mr Patten took advantage, of educating our children in a denominational school. The very existence of schooling for a child of Muslim parents who wish to give their children a denominational education is threatened by the decision, since the only school available may well have to close as a result.

At a time when the Muslims of Bosnia are subject to appalling horrors, should we not be showing compassion and understanding to those of this country, not least in the exercise of our administrative decisions?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID H. SOLOMONS,
Francis and Solomons (Solicitors),
8 North End Road,
Golders Green, NW11.
August 25.

From Mr H. Ferguson

Sir, Although your editorial ("Perversity and prejudice", August 20) warns that the expression of such views might well be considered racist, the indigenous majority does have good reason to doubt the wisdom of encouraging, by public funding, the steady development of Islamic apartheid within this country (imposed by themselves, one should remember).

Seemingly reasonable demands for equal status with Judaeo-Christian establishments compare like with like but, as we can see from their coordinated campaigns in different countries, Islamic fundamentalists are often intolerant not only of other religions but also of secular states. Today's moderates could be ousted by fanatics tomorrow.

Immigrants will always gain readier acceptance by committing themselves to whatever country may offer them a new life, and some Muslims might compare their own tendency to create alien enclaves among their hosts with the readiness of some other cultural groups to integrate.

Yours sincerely,
H. FERGUSON,
5 Hampton Court, Hampton Road,
Redland, Bristol, Avon.
August 20.

Childbirth safety

From Professor Sir Malcolm Macnaughton, FRSE

Sir, Dr Stuttaford is right (Body and Mind, August 17; letters, August 23) to say the Cumberlege report should have suggested improved hospital services so that a woman can have a good childbirth experience, and to say that no pregnancy or labour can be called normal until it is over.

Like Dr Stuttaford, I remember only too well the days of "fire brigade obstetrics", when the flying squad was frequently called out to just such a case as he describes — stuck shoulders. I had experience of a similar case but by the time we arrived at the house the baby was dead — an outcome that would not have occurred in hospital.

Such cases and those of prolapsed cord cannot be anticipated, however much a normal delivery is expected. One in ten women who have normal previous histories and a quite normal pregnancy will have a complication in labour and will require transfer to hospital from home, with the attendant increased risk to the baby.

In Holland, where home delivery is more common, my Dutch colleagues tell me that one in four women have to be transferred in labour, and that they are not happy about this.

Midwives at present do most of the normal deliveries. In 1982 a working party of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists recommended that midwives should be more involved in the antenatal care of normal pregnancy.

Delivery in hospital means that all the facilities that may be required are readily available and is one reason why perinatal mortality is now about eight per 1,000 instead of the 50 per 1,000 when I was a junior obstetrician.

It would be a tragedy if the result of the Cumberlege report was an increase in the number of dead or handicapped babies. Dr Stuttaford's warning should be heeded.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM MACNAUGHTON,
15 Boclair Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.

Once for all

From the Reverend Russell Chamberlain

Sir, Channel 4 televising the *Times* World Chess Championship (report, August 27) could make for some chequered viewing; but saints preserve us from any slow-motion action replays.

Yours etc,
RUSSELL CHAMBERLAIN,
The Vicarage,
1 Church Path, Okehampton, Devon.
August 27.

A tile loose

From Mrs J. Paton Walsh

Sir, Your leader (August 31) on the subject of Scrabble is headed, "Got a syzygy, sailor?" A Scrabble player would find it difficult to include the word syzygy as there are only two Y tiles in the set. You were using one of your blanks.

Yours faithfully,
JILL PATON WALSH,
72 Water Lane, Histon, Cambridge.
August 31.

Hitler's Olympics

From Mr A. G. K. Brown

Sir, Roger Boyes ("Nazi ghosts haunt Berlin's bid to stage 2000 Olympics", August 30) perpetuates the legend that Hitler "spat with fury when Jesse Owens, the black American sprinter, outstripped German athletes". The film of the 1936 games shows Hitler's unhappy reaction to the 100 metres final. What actually happened was that the German sprinter Borchmeyer had a chance of winning the bronze medal; the film shows Hitler rising in anticipation and collapsing in disappointment when he came fifth.

It is often said that Hitler refused to meet Owens, presumably because he did not present him with his medal. Hitler had already presented one set of medals, which was all he was allowed by the games protocol. I had the impression that Hitler behaved very well at the 1936 games, whatever his views on race. I was there.

Yours faithfully,
GODFREY BROWN
(Silver medal, 400 metres,
Gold medal, 4x400 relay, 1936),
Palmers Cottage, Coneyhurst,
Nr Billingshurst, West Sussex.

Images of Iran

From Mr Roger Haywood

Sir, A story in *PRWeek* (August 12 issue) suggests that the government of Iran is searching for public relations professionals in the UK to help improve the "image" of its country; and a report in your issue of August 17, headlined "Rafsanjani in trouble as finance minister is forced out", provides further evidence for the truth of the story.

Such reports bring the role of public relations into sharp focus. Some would say that the public relations professional should be like the lawyer, presenting the best case possible for the client, innocent or guilty; others that such considerations are academic, since public relations people simply offer their skills to the highest bidder.

My own view is that public relations is primarily concerned with the management of reputation: practitioners should help their clients or their employers to develop the policies that are in the best public interest and then to present these as vigorously and honestly as possible.

In an information democracy, we would all accept the right for the case of, say, Rover and Jaguar to present the arguments for their vehicles or British Airways and Virgin for their travel services and the public will make the final choice.

However, I trust that no public relations professional who believes in freedom, democracy, openness of information and choice will be tempted to assist the government of Iran.

Through the broad and varied media coverage that Iran's activities have achieved the country has gained the "image" that it deserves. That anyone should consider representing a government which supports the death threat on someone exercising their simple right of freedom of speech would be beyond belief.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER HAYWOOD
(President, Institute of Public Relations, 1991),
Kestrel Communications,
Broadway House, The Broadway,
Wimbledon, SW19.
August 25.

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Brasilia embassy that was not to be

From Sir John Morgan

Sir, Your admirable and perceptive obituary of the architect Alison Smithson (August 30) commented that the amount she, and her husband, "actually built was very small".

You did not mention a commission of theirs which could have greatly added to their international reputation. In 1963 they were selected by the Ministry of Works to design the new embassy in Brasilia.

They came to Brazil, where I was head of chancery at the embassy at the time, to research the project. They used the techniques they had acquired in their work on the *Economist* building to establish exactly how an embassy functioned. As they had done with journalists at *The Economist*, they carried out meticulous studies on how diplomats actually worked.

These were certainly the first of their kind. They assessed such things as who needed direct and rapid access to the ambassador and how reception space could be used for ambassadorial occasions, but also be easily converted for embassy events such as commercial presentations or film shows.

Moreover, their detailed study of climatic conditions in Brasilia showed that, unlike previous predictions, they could so design the building that expensive air-conditioning was not required.

The resulting project was a combined residence and embassy of great beauty and, almost certainly, the most efficient embassy building ever conceived.

Sadly, the timing was wrong and the project fell foul of a round of public expenditure cuts, so the plan remained only on paper. Had this not happened I am convinced that the building would have been recognised as a landmark in 20th-century architecture.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MORGAN,
41 Hugh Street, SW1.
August 22.

Off the rails?

From Mr D. H. Kidner

Sir, I was surprised to read (report, August 20) that Mr John Taylor, parliamentary secretary at the Lord Chancellor's department, had mounted a roadshow around selected magistrates' courts to quell the growing concern over the proposed changes to magistrates' courts and that the first of these roadshows was to take place that very day at Birmingham.

Coventry is just 20 miles down the road from Birmingham and is closely linked to it as part of the West Midlands conurbation but no Coventry magistrate nor their justices' clerk was invited to hear Mr Taylor quelling any fears they might have.

Funny way to run a roadshow!

Yours faithfully,
D. H. KIDNER
(Clerk to the Justices),
Coventry Magistrates' Court,
Little Park Street,
Coventry, West Midlands.
August 24.

The voter's dilemma

From His Honour D. L. McDonnell

Sir, On August 24 the electoral registration officer wrote enclosing a form on which are to be entered particulars of those who will be living in my household on October 10, 1993 — i.e., six and a half weeks thereafter. The form bears a warning in red ink that "It is an offence to give false information" but the ERO urges me not to wait but to "return it now and help save public money".

Why am I asked to prophesy and risk committing an offence, and how would it save public money if I were to do so?

Yours faithfully,
DENIS L. McDONNELL,
Stanmore House,
3 Silverdale Road,
Burgess Hill, West Sussex.
August 26.

Cash in hand

From Mr David C. Durham

Sir, Thank you for your article titled "Lose the money and run" (August 31) but surely Bernard Levin's conclusion is incorrect. There *are* experts: in his example they are those who sold their agencies at the top of the market for £334,000, to buy them back a few years later at less than 7 per cent of the selling price (probably putting the proceeds in the bank in the meantime earning up to 15 per cent interest).

Yours sincerely,
DAVID C. DURHAM,
5/9 Lamont Road, SW10.

So much hot air

From Mr David Surgeoner

Sir, Is it surprising that the Tennis Electronic Line at Flushing Meadow was confused when, according to your tennis correspondent ("Electronic system flops at its dress rehearsal", August 30), the authorities there use a barometer to measure air temperature?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SURGEONER,
9 Nevill Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the Moray Leisure Centre, Borough Briggs Road, Elgin, at 10.15; and will visit W.A. Baxters and Sons at Fochabers at 11.05.

Windsor Castle

The Precincts are open seven days a week. From April to September the opening hours are from 10.00am to 5.00pm and in October and November are 10.00am to 4.00pm.

The State Apartments are open seven days a week. The opening hours are from 10.30am to 5.00pm from April to October only.

Queen Mary's Dolls' House is open daily from 10.30am. Last admission from April to September is 4.30pm; October, November and February is 3.30pm; December and January is 2.30pm.

The exhibition of the Queen's presents and royal carriages is open from Monday to Saturday from 10.30am until 3.00pm.

Legal news

His Honour Judge **Woolley** retired from the Circuit Bench on the Wales and Chester Circuit on August 31.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net before tax paid):

Mr Harold William **Bradbury**, of Corfe Castle, Dorset £796,159

Miss Marjorie Frances **Fox**, of Bournemouth, Dorset ... £1,053,123

Mrs Esther Mona Wingate **Harvey**, of Langport, Somerset £1,650,876

Mrs Charles Arthur **Hunt**, of Winchester, Hampshire .. £600,136

Miss Katherine Jane **Inglis**, of Low Hesket, Cumbria £568,933

Mrs Sybil **Lane**, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire £645,444

Mrs Marion **Priestley**, of Kensington Place, London W8 .... £1,595,119

Mr Christopher Daniel **Senior**, of Rugby, Warwickshire £658,407

Mr George Ranken **Vickerman**, of Beckenham, Kent £845,854

Marriages

Lord Balfour of Burleigh and Dr J. Morgan

Robert Bruce, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and Dr Janet Morgan were married by the Rev D.R. Flockhart on Sunday, August 29, at 10 Old Church Lane, Duddingston Village, Edinburgh.

Mr D. Christian and Miss C. Birch

The marriage took place on August 14, 1993, at the Holy Ghost Church, London, SW12, of Mr Dominic Christian to Miss Catherine Birch. The Rev Geoffrey Smith officiated.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Jean Birch. Mr Michael Falconer was best man.

Mr K.G. Halligan and Miss N.H. Walsh

The marriage took place on Friday, August 27, at St Peter's Church, Thorner, Leeds, between Mr Karl Gerard Halligan, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Halligan, of Templeogue, Dublin, and Miss Nerissa Walsh, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.J. Walsh, of Leeds.

Mr G.G. Montagu and Miss S.M. Dunlop

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 28, 1993, at Chelsea Register Office between Mr Graham George Montagu and Miss Susan Margaret Dunlop.

Forthcoming marriage

Mr J. Leapingwell and Miss N.M. Hickman

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Robert Leapingwell and of Mrs Thelma Lisney, of Derbyshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr Richard Hickman and Mrs Peter de Las Casas, of Jersey.

Luncheon

Africa-European Community Association

Mr Harvey Warmann, Chairman of the Africa-European Community Association, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the New Cavendish Club. Brigadier Gerald Blakey, Adviser to the West Africa Committee, was the guest of honour and speaker.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays

Mr David Bairstow, cricketer, 42; Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, former Clerk of the House of Commons, 71; Mr Gwynfor Evans, honorary life president, Plaid Cymru, 81; Mrs Margaret Ewing, MP, 48; the Marquess of Exeter, 58; Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Freer, 70; Mr Allen Jones, artist, 56; the Earl of Lisburne, 75; Lord O'Neill, 60; Baroness Park of Monmouth, 72; Lord Parkinson, 62; Sir Austin Pearce, former chairman, British Aerospace, 72; Mr Donald Piggott, former director-general, British Red Cross Society, 73; Mr Manuel Pinero, golfer, 41; Lord Riverdale, 92; Dr Brian Russell, physician, 89; Mr Milton Shulman, film and theatre critic, 75; Lord Thomson of Fleet, 70.



Barry Gibb, singer and songwriter, is 47 today

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward Alleyn, actor-manager, founder of Dulwich College, London, 1566; Giacomo Torelli, stage designer, Fano, Italy, 1608; Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of Blessington, novelist, Knockbrit, co. Tipperary, 1789; Engelbert Humperdinck, composer, Siegburg, Germany, 1854; Carl Auer von Welsbach, chemist and physicist, Vienna, 1858; Sir Roger Casement, Irish nationalist, Kingstown, co. Dublin, 1864; James Corbett, (Gentleman Jim), heavyweight boxing champion 1892-97, San Francisco, 1866; Edgar Rice Burroughs, novelist, creator of Tarzan, Chicago, 1875.

DEATHS: Nicholas Breakspear, Pope Adrian IV 1154-59, Anagni, Italy, 1159; Jacques Cartier, navigator, St Malo, 1557; Louis XIV, King of France 1643-1715, Versailles, 1715; Sir Richard Steele, essayist, Carmarthen, 1729; William Clark, explorer, St Louis, 1838; Sir Richard Westmacott, sculptor, London, 1856; Sir James Pennethorne, architect, Worcester Park, Surrey, 1871; Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, composer, Croydon, 1912; W.W. Jacobs, short story writer, London, 1943; Siegfried Sassoon, poet and novelist, Heytesbury, Wiltshire, 1967; François Mauriac, novelist and poet, Paris, 1970.

Britain signed peace with the Zulu chiefs, 1879.

Germany invaded Poland, 1939.

TONY WHITE



Anita Baddock, 18, from Guildford (left), and Emily Bethell, 17, from Essex, working on Westminster Abbey as part of a Cathedral Camps group. The organisation holds regular summer camps for student volunteers who conserve and restore cathedrals and their environments

Archaeology

Art market looters damage ancient Egyptian inscriptions

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A UNIQUE series of ancient Egyptian inscriptions have been badly damaged, apparently by looters servicing the international art market. As a result, irreplaceable information on the reign of the heretic Pharaoh Akhenaten has been lost.

The inscriptions form a set of boundary monuments around the site of Tell el-Amarna, the new capital of Akhetaten, "City of the Orb", established by Akhenaten (1353-1335 BC) early in his reign to replace Thebes. Cut into the cliffs surrounding the plain on the east bank of the Nile where Akhetaten was laid out, the boundary stelae have been known for over 150 years.

The rock-cut panels studied by Sir Flinders Petrie late last century, and comprehensively published by Norman Davies in 1908, still held many secrets. A new survey by Dr William Murnane and Dr Charles Van Siclen has revealed much new information, but has also shown the depressing extent of modern depredations.

In their book *The Boundary Stelae of Akhenaten*, they note that, after being carved, the stelae were damaged when Akhenaten died, his religious reforms were reversed and his new city abandoned. Even the reactionaries who triumphed in the reign of Tutankhamun, Akhenaten's successor, did not obliterate the inscriptions and images, and they were then left alone for centuries.

"Paradoxically, the tablets appear to have suffered more from vandals in the service of Akhenaten's modern admirers than at the hands of his ancient enemies," the authors say, although none of the missing pieces have yet turned up on the art market.

The fifteen stelae, twelve on the east bank of the Nile where the city lay and three on the west bank, include an early group inscribed with a proclamation in which Akhenaten described his discovery of the site and the proposed layout of the city. These stelae lie at the north and south ends of the embayment where the limestone cliffs draw back from the Nile to create a flat plain where Akhetaten was built.

The twelve later monuments, carved in the sixth year of Akhenaten's reign, specify the city limits will be defined on both sides of the Nile by stelae at the edge of the hills. "No other site is thus enclosed by tablets cut into the surrounding cliffs, even though the principle of laying out boundary markers was well established," the authors say.

"In their pristine state, with the freshly cut limestone gleaming against the hills, they would have been more visible to Akhenaten's contemporaries than they are today." They would also have been better understood: "The irretrieveable loss which this destruction has visited upon the inscriptions has made it impossible to grasp Akhenaten's intentions fully."





The pharaoh Akhenaten and the positions of the boundary stelae that ringed his capital, Akhetaten

Piping

Oban games judged to be just heavenly

BY ANGUS NICOL, PIPING CORRESPONDENT

"THIS is what it must be like in heaven," said one of the judges at the Oban games, "sitting in the sun listening to good piping."

In heaven, of course, the judges would be listening to such as Calum Piobaire, Am Piobair Dall, or Angus MacKay playing the latest Mac Crimmon tunes.

The Argyllshire Gathering was, for once in several years, held in ideal weather. The pipers were happy, the judges sat outside their little tents, and a large crowd heard some excellent music.

There were sixteen entries for the grade A light music competitions. The march competition, for the Oban Glass Trophy, was won by James Murray.

The Strathspey and reel went to a short leet, and the first prize, with the Argyllshire Gathering's silver medal and the MacNeil of Barra Cup, was won by William Morrison. Marion MacVean added to her laurels by winning the march, whilst Allan Russell won the Strathspey and reel.

The jig competition, held this year for the second time, again proved popular with both pipers and audience. There were thirty-two competitors. The winner was Barry Donaldson.

The Lorne Campbell of Airds VC Trophy is awarded to the best military piper, based upon results in both piobaireachd and ceol beag. This year, the second in which it has been presented, the clear winner was Corporal Gordon Walker. The Royal Celtic Society's prize for the best all-round piper was won by Arthur Gillies.

At the end of the two-day gathering the judges said that the standard of piping in all events was as good as they had heard at the Argyllshire Gathering.

Full results:

Gold medal: 1. Cpl Gordon Walker; 2. Angus MacColl (MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart's Lament No.2); 3. Bruce Woodley (The Earl of Seaforth's Salute); 4. William Morrison (Lament for Captain MacDougall).

Senior Piobaireachd: 1. Arthur Gillies; 2. Andrew Wright.

Silver Medal: 1. Marion MacVean; 2. Ian Plunkett (Lady Doyle's Salute); 3. Sgt Niall Matheson (Sir James MacDonald of the Isles' Lament); 4. Sgt Michael Rider, Black Watch (Castle Menzies); 5. John Angus Smith (Clan Campbell's Gathering).

MacGregor Memorial Competition: 1. Fraser Walker; 2. Niall Stewart (Lament for Mary MacLeod; The Big Spree).

The Duke of Argyll's Medal: Tracy Brogan.

March, Strathspey and Reel: 1. William Morrison; 2. Angus MacColl; 3. Cpl Gordon Walker; 4. Arthur Gillies.

March A: 1. James Murray; 2. Alan Bevan; 3. Iain Hurst; 4. Donald MacPhee; 5. Bruce Woodley.

Strathspey & Reel A: 1. William Morrison; 2. Iain Hurst; 3. James Murray; 4. Alan Bevan; 5. Wilson Brown.

March B: Marion MacVean; 2. William Geddes; 3. Douglas Murray; 4. Kenneth MacLeod; 5. Darren Hood.

Strathspey & Reel B: 1. Allan Russell; 2. Andrew Hayes; 3. Neil Walker; 4. William Geddes; 5. James MacPhee.

Jig: 1. Barry Donaldson; 2. Cpl Gordon Walker; 3. Colin Clapsey.

Local March: 1. Garry MacEwan; 2. Gavin Davidson; 3. Derek Wilson.

Local Strathspey & Reel: 1. Garry MacEwan; 2. Derek Wilson.

School news

Ellesmere College

Michaelmas Term begins on September 5. Lieutenant Colonel T. Lowry joins the staff as Bursar. Joe Downes is Captain of School and Simon Moreton is Captain of Rugby. The Chapter of the Midland Division of the Woodard Corporation has approved the School Council's recommendation that Ellesmere College should become fully co-educational. The Sixth Form is already mixed, and girls will be admitted into the Lower School from September 1994, and into the Senior School from September 1995.

Exeter School

Michaelmas Term begins on Thursday, September 2. Simon Wakeman is Head Boy and Jonathan Evenbett is Captain of Rugby Football. Important dates are September 18: Old Exonian Dinner; October 14: Speech Day - Speaker, Mr J. Prescott Thomas; December 1-4: School Play - *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; December 9 and 10: Christmas Concerts. Term ends on December 17.

Hurstpierpoint College

The Michaelmas term begins on Thursday, September 2. Mrs Christine Clarkson joins the Modern Languages Department, Miss Jane Mills the Economics. The Junior School admits the first intake of girls. Jonathan Gardiner is Head of School. St Etheldreda (Old Boys' Day) is on Sunday, October 17. The Shakespeare Society will present *Twelfth Night* on October 18, 19 and 20. The Advent Procession is on Sunday, November 28. The half-term holiday is from Saturday, October 23 to Sunday, November 7 and term ends with carol services for the Junior School on Friday, December 17 and the Senior on Saturday 18. The Lent Term begins on January 10.

Latymer Upper School London, W6

Term commences today at Latymer Upper School and ends on December 16. The Autumn Concert is on November 18 and the Godolphin and Latymer Joint Orchestra Concert is on November 25. The School's Gild Production this term is *Guys and Dolls*. School Captain is T.E. Wegg-Prosser, Vice Captains B.P. Fricke and R. Virani, Captain of Rugby is D.D. Luger and Captain of Soccer is S. Vedat. The School is holding Open Days for prospective parents on October 12 and November 8 - details from the Registrar on 081 741 1851. Prize Giving is on October 5, when the Guest of Honour will be Dr H-F Bornitz, Rector of the Johanneum, Hamburg (the two Schools have held an exchange annually since 1948). Dr Bornitz will also open the new Prep Dept Expansion in Latymer House.

Wrekin College

The Christmas Term starts today at Wrekin College. Mr Andrew *Hurd takes over as Housemaster* of Tudor and Ms Vivian Redfern becomes Housemistress of Eastfield. Mr Harry Gray, Housemaster of Lancaster, the new day House for 11-13 year old pupils, receives his first intake. The charity fete takes place on Sunday, September 12. The Royal Shakespeare Company brings its touring production of *Julius Caesar* to the school from October 12-16 and BBC Radio 4's *Any Questions will be held in the* Centenary Theatre on the evening of October 22. The school production of *Pravda* takes place from November 24-27 and the Christmas Concerts are on the nights of December 7 and 8. Term ends with the Carol Service on December 11.

Lord Kadoorie

A Memorial Service for The Right Hon. the Lord Kadoorie will be held at the Ohel Leah Synagogue, 70 Robinson Road, Hong Kong, at 12 noon on Friday, September 3, 1993.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Jewish Benevolent Society or the Community Chest of Hong Kong.

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Israel, upon your heights your beauty lies slain! How are the warriors fallen! 2 Samuel 1 : 19

BIRTHS

AKBAR - On August 29th at The Wellington Hospital to Mahmood and Wafa a son Ahmad, a grandson for Mr Shoiaum Akbar, a brother for Dalia.

ALI-REZA - On August 27th at The Wellington Hospital to Salma (née Dajani) and Ali a son, Hussain, a brother for Dalia.

CRAWLEY–BOEVEY on August 25th in Melbourne Australia to Joanne & Peter a son, Robert Ian

DOUGLAS - Paul and Jenny (née Baxter) are pleased to announce that on August 26th 'Isambard Kingdom' turned out to be Rebecca Eleanor.

DOUGLAS - On August 29th at The Wellington Hospital to Naomi and Albert a son, Giorgio Christian Albert, a brother for Wolfgang and Abigail.

DRURY - To Deborah and Stephen on 30th August 1993 at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford a son Benjamin, a brother for Patrick and Frances.

ELLIS–BROWN - On August 23rd to Helen (née Lyles) and Gordon, a son Eliot Joe, who is a water baby.

FFISKE - On August 23rd to Maria Beatrice (née Puoti) and Simond, a son Thomas Paolo.

FOUX - Mika Leigh, on 30th August 1993 to Ian and Outi, a sister for Danielle.

FREW - On August 27th to Paul and Caroline (née Dawson) a brother for Thomas.

GRAY - On August 26th to Jodi and Tom, a son, James, a brother for Stephen.

JARVIS - On August 27th at Kingston Hospital to Diana (née Shepherd) and David the precious gift of a daughter, Harriet.

JONES - On August 24th, to Veronica (née Weller) and Michel, a daughter, Miranda Catherine Waller, a sister for Christopher.

BIRTHS

MAYA - On August 23rd at The Portland Hospital to Dina and Ahmed Al-Damiri, a beautiful daughter, their first.

MILLARD - On August 25th to Angela (née Stager) and Todd, a daughter Jennifer Lucy, a sister for Rebecca.

MONCKTON - On August 29th at The Wellington Hospital to Piers and Georgina, a son.

PALMER - On August 27th to Lucy (née Drury-Lowe) and David, a son.

PURVIS - On 27th August to Phillida (née Seaward) and Christopher, a daughter, Ella Blanche Honor, a sister for Kerensa, Xenobe and Lucian.

RIOS - On August 26th at The Portland Hospital to Lourdes and Sergio, a beautiful daughter, Mariela Rios Diaz.

SACKS - On August 27th at St Thomas' Hospital to Annette (née Velger) and Nigel a beautiful daughter, Josephine Marion.

SEACOMBE - On August 28th at Queen Mary's Roehampton to Sarah (née Wilson) and David, a daughter, Madeleine Isobel Amy.

VAN ZELLER - On August 27th to Nick and Emma (née Ward Jones) a son.

MARRIAGES

BILLINGHAM-PICKERING - On August 28th 1993, at Blenheim Crescent Baptist Church, Luton, Michael Billingham to Linda Pickering.

ANNIVERSARIES

LUCK-WARRIER will be celebrating their 15th Wedding Anniversary on 16th December 1993.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CRANE-LANGRISH - On September 1st 1943 at All Saints Church, Barrowby, Arthur to Joan, now at Swepstone, Leicestershire.

DEATHS

APPLETON - The Rt Rev George, died peacefully at his home in Oxford on August 28th. The Funeral will be private. A Thanksgiving Service will be announced in due course.

BERMAN - Suddenly in France Sheila, greatly beloved wife of Monty, devoted mother to Lesley, Jacklin and Rocky Gottlieb, and sister to Muriel Jollus, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements to follow.

BICKMORE - David Pelham, Cartographer on 31st August 1993 peacefully in Oxford. Dearly loved by Alison and Francis, and by Anne, Peter, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Anthony and their families. Funeral Service at St. Giles Church, Oxford on Friday 3rd September at 2.30 pm followed by private committal. Family flowers only. Thanksgiving Service to be arranged later.

BROWN - Reverend Michael Cottingsby, beloved husband, father, grandfather and parish priest. Peacefully on 28th August 1993. Requiem Eucharist at St Peter and St Paul, Godalming on Monday September 6th at 11.30 am. Donations if wished to St Peter and St Paul's Fabric Fund.

CLARKE - Colonel John Robert Stephenson O.B.E. M.C. late Scots Guard. On August 28th a week after his beloved wife Averil. Funeral has already taken place privately. Memorial Service to be announced later.

CRAWFORD - Shellagh, on August 27th, peacefully, after a courageous struggle against cancer, at Ebbor Hall, Wookey Hole, Somerset. Family Service at St Mary Magdalene, Wookey Hole, on Friday 3rd September at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Parent to Parent Information on Adoptions Services, of which Shellagh was a founder and to which she devoted so much of her life. Donations to P.P.I.A.S. c/o Crawford, 36 Regents Park Road, London NW1 7SX. A Service in Thanksgiving for her life will be held at St Columba's London at a date to be announced. The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to the health workers who helped nurse her at home to the end. Enquiries to Hill & Son Funeral Directors, 20 St Thomas Street, Wells, Somerset. Tel 0749 673597.

D'ABREO - Theresa Mary, peacefully on 24th August, aged 90. Much loved widow of Alfred Rudolph D'Abreo and mother of Michael (late), John, Helena and Andrew and grandmother of nine. Funeral Mass was held at St Edwards, Crawley on Tuesday 31st August at 10am.

DILLON - On August 30th 1993 after a long illness at the Poldhu Nursing Home, Mullion, Cornwall, Nancy Constance (Ann) aged 88 years, widow of Tom Dillon and beloved friend and cousin of Mary Nixon. Funeral Service at the Ruan Minor Parish Church, Cornwall Friday September 3rd at 2.30 pm. No flowers please, donations in lieu of flowers if desired for Help The Aged Fund to be left on a plate situated in the church or sent to Mr Rule Undertaker, Mullion, Helston, Cornwall.

GIBSON - On August 29th 1993 peacefully Michael Bradford, much loved husband of Elizabeth, father of Peter and Mark and grandfather of Camilla, Olivia, Florence, Alice and Archibald. Funeral at St Margaret's Church Warnham on Thursday September 2nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please.

DEATHS

GILBERT - Vera Adelaide, formerly of Barton Court, W14, on 26th August 1993, aged 90 years, peacefully at Manor Hall, Eastbourne after a long illness. Funeral at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday September 2nd. Enquiries tel: 0747 853499.

GRAS - On August 31st peacefully sleeping at home after a short illness, Robert Jaques René (Bob) dearly beloved husband of Sylvia and father of Marianne and Nicolas, father-in-law to Tim and Glynis, grandfather to Stephen, Robert, Elise, Nicola and Sarah. Funeral Service Monday 6th September at St Mary's, Shortlands, Bromley at 12 noon, to be followed at 1 pm at Beckenham Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations please to Guy's Hospital Kidney Patients Association (KPA).

HAVARD - Reginald Aubrey aged 96, beloved brother of Melville Cuthbert Havard peacefully at The Charter House on Friday 27th August. Cremation Golders Green, Wednesday 1st September 1993 at 3.45 pm.

HORSFIELD - On August 27th 1993 in a nursing home, Anne aged 86 years of Leveshulme, Manchester. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Edmund and a beloved and loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother and friend to many. The Funeral Service and committal will be at Manchester Crematorium on Friday September 3rd at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations to P.D.S.A may be sent to Charles Robb & Sons, Funeral Directors, 22 Errwood Rd., Levenshulme, Manchester M19 2PA. Tel: 061-224 1200

ILLINGWORTH - On Monday August 30th 1993, Margaret, widow of Lt. Colonel Henry Cyril Harker Illingworth MC, 60th Rifles, peacefully at home. Funeral at St Stephens Church, Snainton, nr Scarborough, on Thursday September 9th at 2.30 pm.

DEATHS

JOHNSTON - Neville, beloved husband of the late Penny and father of James and Robert, died peacefully in Mersham, Surrey on 31st August. The funeral will be private. Donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

LANGESTER - On August 30th 1993, Owen at his home in Wrington. Enquiries to Cooksley and Son 0934 626666.

LOWE - On August 29th tragically Jeremy, cherished son of Pam Joy of Longbridge Deverill, Warminster. Much loved brother of Sue and Gavin, stepson of Richard and dear uncle of 5 nieces and nephews. We pray that at last he may have peace after years of suffering from schizophrenia. Funeral private.

MacDERROTT - Kevin, much loved father of Niall, Ingrid and Brenda, peacefully in her sleep on Saturday 28th August. Funeral Service at West London Crematorium on Friday September 3rd at 10 am. Flowers or enquiries to Rowland Bros. Tel:081-684 1667.

MASON - Felicity Anne (née Cumming). Much loved by her family and friends. Died on August 26th 1993, peacefully in London. Cremation 3rd September, Enquiries J. H. Kenyon Ltd 071-229 3810

MORLEY - Margaret Gwenyth peacefully at Little Holland Hall Nursing Home after a long illness on Friday August 27th aged 68 years. Dearly loved - mother and grandmother who will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church Clacton on Thursday September 2nd at 9.45 am followed by cremation at Weeley at 9.30 am. Any flowers to Lusby at Clacton Funeral Service, 99 Station Road, Clacton or donations if desired to a cancer charity of donors choice.

DEATHS

NICHOLSON - On August 30th, peacefully in the Isle of Wight Private Hospital, John Norris, beloved husband of the late Vivien, and father of Charles, Tessa, James and Louise. Family Funeral Service private. Details of Thanksgiving Service later. No flowers please.

NORTH - At home, on August 27th, Charley eldest son of Tom and Sally North of Roughton Hall, Norfolk.

NORTON - On August 28th 1993 at home in the Azores Peter Francis husband of Sheila and father to Hanspeter, Anthony and Marion. The funeral has been place.

O'DELL - Duncan Shortreed. On 11th August, suddenly at home, aged 53. Beloved husband of Sandra and father of Matthew and Alastair. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, on Friday 3rd September at 12.15. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

PARTRIDGE - On 27th August peacefully at Denham Manor Nursing Home, Ethel, née Green. Widow of Dr. J.H. Partridge and loving mother of Michael, Ann and Heather, grandmother and great-grandmother, aged 87 years. Funeral Service at Pinner Methodist Church on Thursday, 2nd September at 11.15 am. Flowers or donations to Hereford Hospital Fund.

PHILLIPS - On August 29th J ves Henry Cornell M.A. (Jim O.B.E. aged 83 retired First Chief Executive of Hereford and Worcester County Council. Beloved husband of Jean and loving father of Susan and Ellen. Family service at 3.30 pm on September 6th at Reading Crematorium. A Memorial Service will be arranged at Pershore Abbey. Donations if desired for Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

PURNIMAN - On August 30th 1993 at Wilton Nursing Home, Nether Wallop, Hants, Nathan Wallop, beloved husband of the late Vernon and much loved father of Frances, Evelyn and Vicky. Cremation private. Memorial Service at Lincoln's Inn at a later date.

REDPATH - Iain, aged 83 very suddenly in Surrey, journalist, Editor and writer. Dearly loved father of Debbi, Fiona, Fraser and Gawain. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church - Hospital, NW4, 10.30 am on Thursday 2nd September.

ROBERTS - John MacGregor Lieut - Lt/Cdr RNVR (Ad (Hon)), Peacefully on 30th August. Deeply loved by wife Lelia and family. Father of Patricia, John and Gay, grandfather of James, Julia, Sarah, Lucy, Alison and Edmund. Father-in-law of John Carroll. One of last pilots of Fleet Chaseplanes HMS Illustrious 1939, 806 Fighter Squadron, Private Funeral Friday 3rd September, Falmouth St. Mary's Church. Interment Swanpool Cemetery, Cumbrian to Tr Canal. Funeral Director, Tel: Falmouth 0326 312-131.

SHELY - On August 29th peacefully at home Michael James, loved husband of Irene and father of Rosie. Funeral on Friday September 3rd at 12 noon at St. Paul's Church, Deptford. Nottingham. Family flowers only, donations please to The Injured Jockeys Fund, PO Box 9, Newmarket CB8 0JG.

SHEPARD - On August 30th 1993 peacefully at home, Jack Douglas aged 85 years, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium, Godalming on Friday 3rd September at 12 noon. Flowers or donations for NSPCC if preferred to Freeman Brothers Funeral Directors, Horsham.

DEATHS

STONE - On 26th August, Marjorie, peacefully at The Mount and Sussex Hospital after a short illness, aged 87 years. Beloved mother of Pamela and David, and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Halstead, Friday 3rd September at 2 pm. Family flowers. Donations to Friends of Ilott & Stroke Hospital c/o Francis Chapple & Sons, Orpington. Any enquiries, please Tel: 0689 878416.

TAYLOR - On August 28th peacefully at Beechcroft Manor Rest Home, Abergavenny, Nancy (née Bevan) beloved widow of Bill Garston-Captain W B Taylor Royal Navy, mother of Sally and Ian, grandmother of Andrew, Nicholas, Catriona, Alex and Gregory. May she now to be reunited granted at last. No flowers. Donations to Nightingale Fellowship, 2 Lambeth Palace Road SE1 7EW. Enquiries to M Caplehorn FBM, Fareham 0329 844711.

TAYLOR THOMPSON - Marjorie, 89yrs, beloved widow of Jack, mother of Derek and Shelagh, grandmother and great-grandmother, died peacefully Monday, August 30th in Tunbridge Wells in her 93rd year. "With Christ, which is far better."

THOMAS - On August 29th, peacefully at home, Vera (Monnochtie) aged 89. Loved mother of Mary Ann Free and the late John Murray and loving grandmother. Greatly adored by her many friends. Funeral Service at Isfield Church, Isfield, Sussex, on Monday September 6th at 3 pm. Flowers or donations to British Agricultural Benevolent Institution c/o Ryle, Brooks & Son, Ravenside, Allington Road, Mewick, Sussex. tel: 02323 722696 or 03444 484391.

DEATHS

THORNTON - On August 27th, after illness borne with great spirit, Hanna, widow of Robert, beloved mother of Michael and Caroline. Cremation private. Family flowers only but donations if wished to National Asthma Campaign, London N1 0NT.

VERSCHOYLE - On August 27th, peacefully at Tenterden House Nursing Home, St. Albans, Evelyn May, aged 91. Funeral Service on Friday September 3rd at West Herts Crematorium, Watford at 3.45 pm. Donations, if desired to RSPCA.

WARD - C.L.C. "Pipe" - On August 28th at home in his 90th year. Late Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. Loved and missed by his widow Iseult, children and grandchildren. Service 2.30 pm Friday, September 3rd at Holy Rood Church, Buckland Newton, Dorset. Please no flowers. Donations for the Tibet Society of the U.K. to Woods Funeral Directors, 11a Icen Way, Dorchester, Dorset.

WHEEN - Gale (née Yonnet), widow of Edward Leslie Lee Wheen, beloved mother of Michael and Natalie, on 28th August 1993 aged 81, peacefully in the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Funeral Service at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Ennismore Gardens, London SW7 on Tuesday September 7th at 1.30 pm. Memorial Service to be announced later. Flowers please only, please, to J.H Hewson, 49 Marloes Road London W8, or, if preferred donations to either St Rosina Orthodox Church London; c/o the Cathedra or the Arts for Health Project at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London SW10, c/o Dr James Scott, Consultant Surgeon.

OBITUARIES

FRIDA LEAKEY

Frida Leakey, archaeologist, died on August 19 aged 91. She was born in Reigate on March 7, 1902.



THE first wife of Louis Leakey, Frida Leakey should have been the perfect wife for an archaeologist. She was prepared to try her hand at anything, becoming an expert in the drawing of stone tools, and had the advantage of a private income. Two months after her marriage in 1928, she was off to Kenya with the rest of the party on Leakey's second archaeological expedition.

Talented, practical, and obstinate, she was, in retrospect, perhaps too like her husband for the marriage to work. In middle age with their white hair, dark eyes and stark figures, they could have been taken for brother and sister.

They had met in inauspicious surroundings. After coming down from Newnham College, Cambridge, Frida Avern found a job as a French mistress at Benenden (the Princess Royal's old school). After two years of this, a fellow teacher suggested they take time off and tour Africa. There, while staying with friends on a coffee estate in Kenya, Frida heard about the extraordinary work being done by the young Louis Leakey at the nearby Bromhead's site and, intrigued, set off the following day to investigate.

Leakey was at this point living (literally) in a pig sty, but lost no time in inviting his visitor to dinner. They ate in the hut amid an assortment of old bones and stone tools, a drying python skin hanging from the ceiling, while Leakey's Kikuyu labourers serenaded them with Moody and Sankey hymns. The next day Frida was shown the Nakuru burial site, and given a picnic lunch beside the hippopotamus pool. Louis Leakey was enchanted by his new companion and, impetuous as ever, proposed almost immediately.

Frida went back to England to think things over, eventually accepted, and married Louis Leakey when he returned to England in 1928. She accompanied him on his expedition later that year and a further one in 1931. Many of the illustrations of tools in Leakey's early books were drawn by Frida.

Among her numerous archaeological finds was the discovery of an incredibly rich side gully in the Olduvai Gorge — a huge overgrown area in Tanzania — which became one of the most rewarding fossil sites. Frida's gulley was named FLK (Frida Leakey Karongo — "Karongo" meaning gully). It immediately yielded stone tools, but it was not until 1959 that Mary Leakey — Louis' second wife — was to discover there the skull of *Zinjanthropus Boisei* (Nutcracker Man) while crawling along the gully on her hands and knees.

The third daughter of Henry Avern, a merchant from Reigate who owned cork forests in Spain and Portugal, Henrietta Wilfrida Avern was sent to finishing school in Paris after her education in this country. Quickly tiring of deportment classes, she took herself off to the Sorbonne, where she persuaded a professor to let her study French and European civilisation.

Afterwards she was accepted at Newnham, Cambridge, where she read modern and medieval languages from 1921 to 1924. At Cambridge she was one of the two first women members of Boris Ord's madrigal choir. (Ord, then a young fellow and organist at King's College, was one of the first to rediscover and popularise that old musical form.) Frida Avern also played tennis, was a competent punter and represented the Eastern Counties at lacrosse.

After her marriage to Leakey, and the years in Kenya, she bought a cottage in the village of Girton, near Cambridge, with money saved from a dress allowance given by her parents (never much concerned with her appearance, Frida Leakey believed in wearing clothes till they dropped off her). Their two children were born there in the early 1930s, but by this point the couple were beginning to grow apart.

The reasons for this were all-too-obvious. While she enjoyed the mental stimulus and adventure which Louis Leakey certainly provided, Frida yearned increasingly for a routine and a more settled environment in which to bring up her children, neither of which her husband was able to provide. And while he undoubtedly needed a wife who was his intellectual equal, he soon discovered that Frida could be tactless enough to contradict him in public.

Between expeditions, Louis Leakey held a fellowship at St John's College, Cambridge. There he met his second wife, Mary Nicol — originally his research student. Despite Frida's continuing affection for her husband, she and Louis Leakey were divorced in 1936, a few months before he married Mary.

Frida Leakey was by this point making her name as a broadcaster. As an honorary Kikuyu wife (Louis Leakey was an initiated member of the Kikuyu tribe), with an English middle-class background, she was seen as something of an oddity by the BBC. Initially she was asked for pieces on expatriate life in Kenya, but later she broadened her scope, and was a regular contributor until the outbreak of the second world war.

During the war, she was an active worker on the "home front", and was billeting officer for London refugees in charge of the Girton area. (Before the war she had taken in Basque refugees from the Spanish Civil War.)

As "Emergency Food Officer", she and her friend Michael Pease, a Fabian and early geneticist, had food tucked away in hiding places all over the village. Girton was well organised to withstand a siege should one have come.

Afterwards she continued active in the local community. In 1936 she had founded the Infant Welfare Centre, later known as the Girton Baby Clinic. Enlightened in the advice it gave young mothers for its time, it celebrated its half-century seven years ago.

Frida Leakey was chairman of the Womens' Institute in Cambridgeshire in the 1960s at the same time as sitting as an independent on the county council. There she was instrumental in the planning and design of Bar Hill — an experimental new village designed to ease the congestion from Cambridge. As chairman of the governors of Impington village school (a progressive school, designed by Walter Gropius) she was responsible for appointing John Brackenbury as its headmaster. Brackenbury was the first advocate of self-accountability in schools. A Liberal Democrat himself, his ideas were later taken up by the Conservatives.

Their ideas on education, particularly adult education, were very much in tune. Frida continued her own education, through extra-mural courses in such subjects as the English Romanesque and Spanish Baroque, and claimed to have attended every one of Nikolaus Pevsner's Cambridge lectures in art history.

Frida Leakey never remarried. Louis Leakey died in 1975. She is survived by her son and daughter.

ALAN BIRT

Alan Birt, CBE, retired consultant surgeon to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, died in the hospital where he worked for 33 years on August 12 aged 78. He was born on June 22. 1915.



ALTHOUGH the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, founded in 1771, has gained a good reputation over the years, one of the outstanding successes of the National Health Service has been the general rise in standard of hospital services in the provincial centres outside the university hospitals. A major factor in this achievement has been the high calibre of the consultants appointed to district general hospitals. Among this cadre of doctors few in the surgical field made a more important contribution than Alan Beckett Birt.

Educated at Wellington College as was his father, Surgeon Dentist to King George V and Queen Mary, Birt trained at St Thomas' Medical School qualifying in 1937 and gaining his FRCS three years later. He joined the RAMC shortly thereafter. As officer in command of No 22 Field Surgical Unit of the British First Army he had wide experience of battle surgery in North Africa. Subsequently, in Sicily and Italy, he gained a reputation for his skill and capacity for hard work.

On embarking for the invasion of Sicily he was given a small, secret and sealed package which proved to contain penicillin. Birt's careful case notes remain among the first to confirm the great value of the drug in controlling certain types of wound infection, including gas gangrene.

In 1946 Birt was appointed as a consultant surgeon in Norwich. There, with his devotion to patients, his skills and capacity for long hours of work, he quickly became deeply involved in all aspects of the surgical work of the main hospitals and the peripheral ones as well.

Although he had a wide range of interests, Birt was particularly interested in vascular surgery. Along with his medical colleague, Dr W. A. Oliver, he undertook cardiac surgery for a variety of acquired valvular problems in addition to congenital lesions. With the development of the cardiac centre at Papworth he continued his interest in peripheral vascular surgery in which he had pioneered several procedures.

Birt's incisive thinking and common sense made him in great demand on committees at local, regional and national level. For several years he was a valued member of the editorial committee of the *British Journal of Surgery* and, with his interest in surgical training, it was predictable that, when the Association of Surgeons set up an advisory committee on training, Birt should be the East Anglian representative. Subsequently he became a member of the full committee of the association and in 1979 was elected its president, the first surgeon from a provincial, non-teaching hospital to be honoured in this manner. He was appointed CBE in 1978 and awarded a DSc *honoris causa* by the University of East Anglia in 1979.

Alan Birt was a distinguished surgeon not because of any single contribution to surgery but for the sustained high standards, integrity and energy he brought to the everyday responsibilities of his very full life. He was a big man with a slow smile and whimsical sense of humour, and a pillar of strength to all his friends.

His first wife Joyce died a few years after he retired. He is survived by his second wife, Peggy, who nursed him through his final illness, and by his son, who is a doctor, and his three daughters.

JOAN HUGHES

Joan Hughes, MBE, flying instructor and wartime ferry pilot in the Air Transport Auxiliary, died on August 16 aged 74. She was born in 1918.



UNLIKE the men of the wartime ATA who regarded themselves as "Ancient and Tattered Airmen", the young women who ferried aircraft from factories to RAF units were known as "Attagirls". Glamour and they were indivisible, and one of the most glamorous was the diminutive Joan Hughes. Many a station commander, eagerly awaiting delivery of a four-engined bomber for one of his squadrons, had, after watching it touch down and taxi in, gone weak at the knees when Hughes's slight, 5ft 2in frame climbed down from the pilot's seat. During her wartime career she flew everything from Spitfires to Halifax bombers and after the war was known to fancy taking up the giant Brabazon airliner.

Born at Loughton, Essex, Joan Lily Amelia Hughes was bitten by the flying bug in the 1930s at an early age. Taken by some family friends to a flying circus at the age of 15, she came home and announced to her parents: "When I leave school I'm going to be a pilot." In the wisdom of superior years her mother replied indulgently: "You'll soon grow out of it, dear."

Her parents reckoned without her resolution. Joining the nearest flying club soon afterwards, she took a 40-minute lesson every weekend and had soon gone solo. Not content simply to put in the flying hours she also kept company with experienced pilots, picking up tips and learning from what they had to tell her. By the age of 17 she had her private pilot's licence and became the youngest woman pilot in the country. She got her first job as a flying instructor at Chigwell Flying Club and, but for the war, looked like doing that or similar civilian jobs for the rest of her life.

The advent of war did not immediately change things. There were entrenched prejudices against women pilots doing anything "serious" in the sphere of military aviation. For three months after the outbreak of war the ATA's pilots were all men. However, the drain of pilots to operational squadrons (the RAF was losing aircraft needlessly in its futile leaflet-dropping sorties over German territory in unarmed Blenheim bombers) soon altered the picture.

But, though suddenly finding itself desperately short of experienced ferry pilots, the RAF initially preferred to hire foreign aviators — at greatly inflated wages — rather than tap its resources of women who were available in the flying clubs. It took some lobbying from Joan Hughes — and those men around her who knew she could do the job — for the authorities to change their minds. Eventually, in January 1940, the RAF decided to take on Hughes and seven other women colleagues as an experiment.

This somewhat half-hearted demonstration of faith in the fair sex was immediately justified. Within a few weeks the new recruits were flying everything from basic trainers through interceptor fighters to heavy bombers. So exceptional was Hughes that, though she did her fair share of ferrying duties, delivering several hundred aircraft throughout the war years, she was soon promoted to instructing trainee pilots at the RAF's Advanced Flying Training School. Ironically, in view of the initial scepticism about the value of women pilots, many of these trainees were men. Not infrequently, a nervous six-foot rookie, walking out on to the Tarmac to take the controls of his first four-engined bomber, would be totally disarmed to encounter his tiny instructress waiting for him by the aircraft.

Ferry work might be routine, but it could be dangerous. It claimed the life of the celebrated aviatrix Amy Johnson. Darling of the nation for her solo record-breaking feats of the 1930s, she perished in the Thames estuary after having been forced to bale out on a routine delivery flight in January 1941. Joan Hughes never lost or even damaged an aircraft. But she had a hazardous flight on one occasion when she found herself unable to retract the undercarriage on a jet fighter she was delivering to a squadron — one of her last wartime jobs. As she pulled the lever to bring up the plane's wheels it came away in her hand. Keeping cool, she managed to complete the flight and land the aircraft, unwieldy though the streamlined jet was with its undercarriage in the locked-down position.

After the war Hughes went back to civil flying as chief instructor at the West London Aero Club. At White Waltham, Berkshire, she also taught hundreds of schoolboy Air Training Corps cadets to fly, many of whom subsequently went to Cranwell and became RAF pilots. Later, at the Airways Aero Club, she taught captains of airliners ranging from the largest jumbo jets to Concorde to become instructors on light aircraft — an exercise designed to prevent them from forgetting the basics of flying "by the seat of their pants".

She was in demand, too, for film work. She gave the actor Kenneth More some technical tips to prepare him for his role as the legless wartime fighter ace Douglas Bader in the film *Reach For The Sky* (1956). For *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines* (1965) she flew in a replica of the tiny 1909 Demoiselle. She took part in dog fights, flying replicas of first world war German aircraft in *The Blue Max* (1966).

But perhaps her most spectacular film flying stunt took place in 1968 when she stood in as the daredevil puppet character Lady Penelope on a feature film version of the children's television adventure series *Thunderbirds*. The story line — an escape from pursuing baddies — demanded that she land a Tiger Moth biplane on a motorway, taxi under a bridge and then take off again. But the weather conditions were so turbulent that she decided simply to fly under the bridge without touching down. The film's production manager was delighted with this piece of improvisation, regarding it as an improvement on the original idea. However, police decided that permission had not been given for such dare-devil stuff and "Lady Penelope" found herself in the dock at Buckinghamshire Quarter Sessions on seven charges of dangerous flying. After a three-day hearing Hughes was acquitted on all charges.

In retirement she lived in Somerset where she devoted herself to tennis, music and country walks. She was appointed MBE for her wartime work in 1945 and in 1962 was awarded women's aviation's highest honour, the Jean Lennox Bird trophy. She was unmarried.

DONALD KERST

Donald William Kerst, whose invention of the particle accelerator paved the way for today's giant atom-smashers, died in Madison, Wisconsin, on August 19 aged 81. He was born in Galena, Illinois, on November 1, 1911.

IT WAS Donald Kerst's quest for the then-elusive meson, the fourth basic particle of subatomic matter, that led him to construct his first particle accelerator in 1940 at the University of Illinois.

Known as the betatron, the device consisted of a doughnut-shaped glass vacuum tube between the poles of a large electromagnet. Electrons given off by a hot filament inside the tube were repeatedly accelerated by magnetic impulses until they reached almost the speed of light.

The young scientist, who had gained his PhD from the University of Wisconsin only three years before, was promptly commissioned by the General Electric Company to build a more powerful model of the betatron with practical applications. Within a year he had constructed a unit producing an energy of 20 million electron-volts, capable of converting its beam of electrons into X-rays which could penetrate 20 inches of steel.

This device was later to be manufactured commercially and used for both industrial radiography and the treatment of cancer, but for the time being both the betatron and its inventor were taken over by the US government. They went to work for the Manhattan Project which built the first atomic bomb.

Kerst had yet to find the meson, the existence of which had been forecast by the Nobel Prize-winning Japanese physicist Hikeki Yukawa in 1935. In 1950, however, he unveiled a new version capable of producing 300 million volts, bombarding atomic nuclei with hitherto undreamed-of force.

Asked by reporters what he expected to achieve, Kerst replied: "To ask what we expect to find is like asking what someone would expect to see if he were going to look around a corner beyond which he never before had peered."

Two days later the betatron was producing "torrents" of mesons, and physicists were at last able to study the behaviour of the mysterious particle.

The betatron, however, did not last long. Its electrons emitted so much waste energy that the power of the beam could not be increased much further, and it soon became obsolete for scientific research into the structure of the atom.

After the second world war Kerst became technical director of the Midwest University Research Association, and worked for five years in the Atomic Division of the General Dynamics Corporation before returning to the University of Wisconsin as a physics professor in 1962.

Donald Kerst is survived by a son and a daughter.

DEATHS

WILKS - On 31st August 1993 after a short illness, Errol Diana Bridget Barraclough. Dearly loved wife of Thomas Wilks of Laggan, Isle of Islay, Argyll, died in the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, Dunbartonshire. Dearly loved by her family and grandchildren.

WILSON - William Felix Henry Francis MA (Cantab) on August 26th at home aged 83. Dearly loved husband of Gillian (née Trumper) and father of Nicholas, Jane, Rollo and Phyllida. Funeral at St. Paul's Church, Tupsley, Hereford, at 12 noon on Friday, 3rd September. Donations if desired to Masonic Charities and Marie Curie Nurses (Herefordshire) may be sent to Dawe Bros, 115 Westrailing Street, Hereford.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ARTHINGTON-DAVY - Humphrey Augustus, LVO, OBE. A Service of Interment will be held at Walcot Cemetery, Bath, on Monday 6th September at 2 pm.

HUGHES - Joan Lily Amelia. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Joan Hughes MBE will be held at St Mary's Church, Wargrave, Berkshire at 3 pm on Thursday 23rd September, 1993.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The president is Muriel Lady Helmsley, who has taken an active personal interest in the work of organizing the exhibition, and has secured the co-operation of a number of well-known ladies. The result of their labours is an exhibition of remarkable interest. The great hall is filled with stalls, upon which are displayed the most up-to-date things that are required for the home, the nursery or the toilet, for recreation, and amusement, and for business. Women's handicrafts are well represented, and there are very large displays of embroideries, laces, needlework, jewellery, enamels, miniatures, metal work, and art goods of all kinds. Several stalls are devoted to national industries.

There is a women's bank, at which, on a certain day, bank-books will be issued (with a shilling deposit recorded in each) to all children who report themselves. A company of girl scouts will give demonstrations in their "camp," while a team of girl cricketers will show how cricket can be played in a severely restricted area. A lady fireman, too, will prove how easily a conflagration may be extinguished.

As is natural in a women's exhibition, particular attention is paid to the children. The National Society of Day Nurseries, of which Princess Christian is the president and Muriel Lady Helmsley the chairman of the Council, has organized, in the annexe, an elaborate series of crèches. In these practical demonstration is given of the manner in which little children are cared for while their parents are following their daily avocations. Babies are to be brought to the exhibition each day from various parts of London - among them are Creole, Chinese, and Japanese children - and are to be left in charge of the trained nurses throughout the day. The visitors to the exhibition will be able to witness all the processes of bathing, clothing, feeding, and entertaining the children on the most approved hygienic principles.

There is a flower garden and also a glass play-room designed to show how they may be amused in wet weather. In close proximity is a kindergarten in which children between three and five years of age may be seen occupied not only with educational toys and kindergarten games, but also with such old favourites as dolls' houses and heaps of sand. The *Referee* Children's Dinner Fund, which was established about 27 years ago by Mr. George R. Sims, and during its existence has provided nearly 10,000,000 meals for poor children at a cost of about £54,000, is represented by a pavilion in which articles of women's work will be sold for the benefit of the fund. The fund will also be aided by the proceeds of performances which are to be given daily in a pleasant garden theatre near the main entrance to the hall.

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At this exhibition held over 80 years ago there was at least one multi-national crèche, a women's bank; a team of girl cricketers; and a "lady fireman".

Jacko: the repair job

Successful damage limitation is a question of careful planning

Marketers are trained to see opportunities where ordinary mortals see threats. But three multinationals this week will be finding it difficult to put a positive gloss on their predicament. Sensational child molesting allegations against pop star Michael Jackson have left a question-mark hanging over his links with Pepsi — one of the most successful celebrity/brand tie-ups in recent times.

The Dutch brewer Heineken's discovery of fragments of glass in its lager has led it to recall three million bottles, in a development which could give new meaning to the line about reaching the parts other beers cannot. And S.C. Johnson, the US-based makers of Mr Muscle oven cleaner, has found itself on the defensive as the tabloids published pictures of users who had ended up with nasty burns.



Jackson: Pepsi image problem

Glass in food, salmonella poisoning, product tampering, oil spills, plane crashes, defective parts, personalities who promote your product and then go off the rails — these can ruin the best-laid marketing plans in seconds.

Pepsi has hired an international detective agency, Kroll Associates, to "help us keep abreast of developments". This is not surprising, as the company has invested more than $100m into its contracts with Jackson and associated promotions. But Lesa Uckman, president of International Events Group, says that having driven their promotions through retailers around the world, Pepsi "will have already liquidated every penny".

To take one tiny example: Wacko Jacko's excursion to Bangkok has put Pepsi sales ahead of Coke throughout Thailand, the company claims. Nevertheless most observers expect the relationship to end when the contract ends in three months. "Whatever happens, being a wholesome, squeaky-clean American company, they will worry about the association," says Richard Busby, a British sponsorship expert. In 1988 Pepsi backed out of an $8m deal with Mike Tyson after unsubstantiated allegations of sexual misbehaviour, and dropped a $3m Madonna commercial after pressure groups said it was "blasphemous".

But while celebrity scandals can be embarrassing, things get really hairy only if consumers begin to have misgivings about the product itself. Despite the cost and trouble of its product recall, Heineken is in a much better position than some others. S.C. Johnson has found itself fire-fighting real disasters (black mark), whereas Heineken was acting to *prevent* a disaster after routine safety checks revealed a problem (plus points). While Heineken is withdrawing a product on the slight chance it *could* cause injury (plus point), S.C. Johnson is keeping its product (which does meet all legal requirements) on the market, even though real people already have burns (another black mark).

Pepsi can do little but wait and see what comes out of the wash. S.C. Johnson seems to have been caught on the hop, while Heineken and its British distributor, Whitbread, turned to carefully honed, crisis management procedures which were already in place. "Every possible scenario is documented," says Stephen Philpott, marketing director at Whitbread. Procedures such as assessing the risk, ascertaining details of causes and solutions, acting quickly, and being open and honest with the press "have worked as well as we could have hoped," he said.

ALAN MITCHELL

The potty world of nappies

In the huge disposables market, the trick is to stay one step ahead. **Alan Mitchell** reports on the battle behind the latest product to grace the supermarket shelves

When do companies' attempts to fill gaps in their markets become a manipulative bid to create needs (and sales) out of thin air? This summer, British mothers are being bombarded with blandishments to buy a product they never knew they needed — the disposable potty training nappy: thin, used like a pair of pants, but with an absorbant cellulose lining.

In the past three months, three companies, American consumer products giant Procter & Gamble, Peaudouce, and newcomer Kimberly-Clark have all rushed out products to meet this previously uncatered-for need.

Cynics might say that the discovery of this nappy comes just as the explosive growth of disposable nappy sales, which started in the 1980s, is slowing and the market is reaching saturation. The companies say consumers welcome the convenience and assurance training pants offer. To ram the message home, they are backing their product launches with the full panoply of marketing weaponry, from multi-million pound television advertising campaigns and money-off offers to mailshots and special advice booklets. (If the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, the route into a worried mother's pocket is reassuring information.)

NAPPY FACTS

- Nearly 90 per cent of British babies now wear disposables. In France, the figure is 98 per cent.
- About nine million nappies a day are used in Britain.
- Parents spend five weeks of the first 18 months of their baby's life changing its nappy.
- Each of the 1.5 million babies in Britain will have 2,000 nappy changes in the first year.
- The European nappy market is worth £1.65 billion.

But what, exactly, are trainer nappies for? If the British nappy manufacturer Swaddlers Togs is right, consumers here are not sure.

In America training pants account for 10 per cent of a $4 billion market, but here "consumers take a different view of potty training" says Togs' marketing manager Dave Hall. "They say, 'let's have some accidents and be done with it'."

Anecdotal evidence supports his view. Heather Witt, a Mothers Union member from Llanelli, says: "When they first came out, I thought 'how wonderful'. But they are so much like a nappy my child thought it *was* a nappy. It defeated the object."

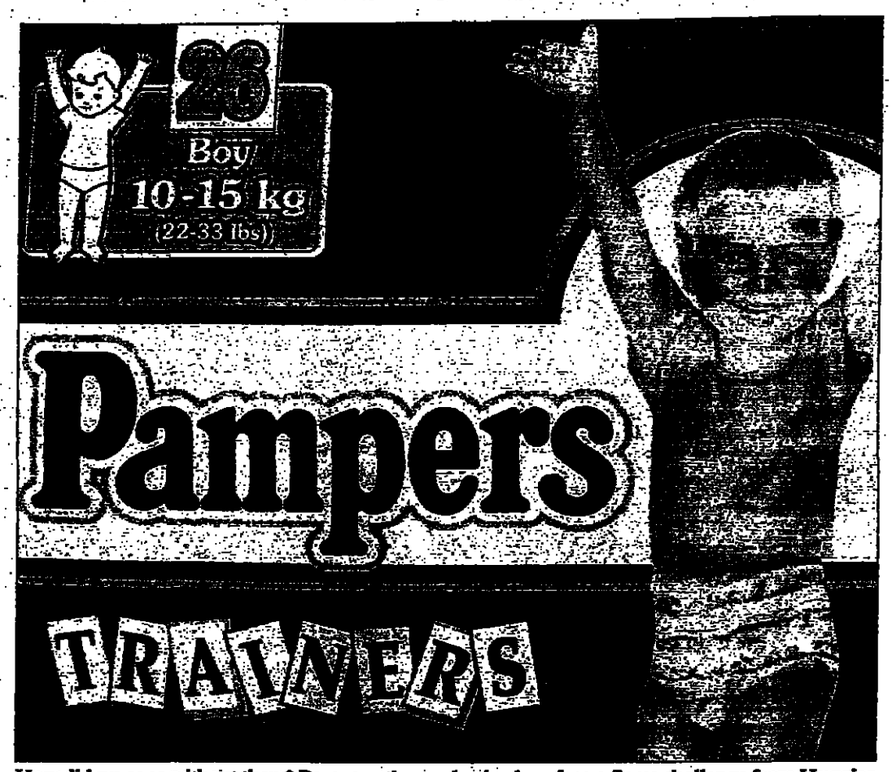
Another mother from a childcare pressure group says: "The whole point is to try to teach the children not to do something in their knickers. If they know they can, they will. If you think about it logically, it's a non-starter. It just prolongs the agony."

So why the fuss? Because training pants are the stalking horse for a much bigger marketing battle — a bold assault by Kimberly-Clark on the marketing sensation of the decade, Pampers.

As stock market analysts question the value of brands, and manufacturers across the nation gnash their teeth at the rise of "own label" and the grocery giants' margin-slashing ways, Pampers has been laughing all the way to its bank.

Back in 1985, Pampers accounted for only 18 per cent of UK sales. But since then the formidable P&G marketing machine has pumped through a series of innovations — different nappies for boys and for girls, different sizes for different weights, the use of "super absorbent gels" — employing promotions to boost usage.

Two years ago the multiple stores crumbled and started "subsidising" the sale of Pampers, buying them at full price from P&G, and selling them on at little or no profit, just to attract mothers into their stores. This retailer-funded price war has nearly quadrupled Pampers' market share to 70 per cent of a £450 million market. Own-label penetration has halved.



How did we cope without them? Pampers, the market leaders, face a fierce challenge from Huggies

Last year, in the midst of recession, Pampers' sales increased by 82.3 per cent, according to Nielsen, the market trackers. Today, to get a space on supermarket shelves, rival brands have to match retailer price subsidies of Pampers to sell at or near cost, or even a loss. Pampers has become a paper product almost as profitable as the banknote.

Enter Kimberly-Clark (marketer of Kleenex tissues and Simplicity sanpro products). The £6 million it has invested in advertising and promoting Huggies Pull-Ups, its new trainer nappy, is just the tip of an iceberg. A new factory at Barton-upon-Humber has been equipped for £100 million, and Kimberly-Clark's chief executive, Wayne Saunders, has stunned Wall Street analysts by telling them that their earnings predictions for the company "may not recognise the cost of launching diapers in Europe".

Why bother, when P&G has such a stranglehold? Partly because of the sheer size of the market. By the time you have read this sentence about 500 babies in the UK will have had their nappies changed. At current prices their parents will also spend three quarters of their annual £480 child allowance on this now essential product. Multiply that across Europe and you have too big an opportunity for the biggest diaper brand in America to pass over.

Training pants, where Kimberly-Clark's non-woven technology gives it the edge over P&G's, are simply the toe in the door. Dave Hall, Togs' marketing manager, says: "There is a huge marketing battle brewing." He adds that next year's advertising and promotional spend on Pampers and Huggies "will probably be bigger than our turnover".

Usually, when multinationals clash like this consumers benefit. Product development comes thick and fast and prices tumble: in America a vicious price war between market leaders Huggies and Pampers has cut the price of a nappy by 10 per cent.

But here things could be different. If Kimberly-Clark sees an opportunity, so do retailers. Pampers Trainers, at £6.99 for 26, are about a third more expensive than ordinary nappies — and a welcome chance to boost future margins. More important, Kimberly-Clark's arrival allows retailers to indulge the game they are best at: playing one manufacturer off against another. Today, you will not be able to find Huggies in Tesco: it is conducting an exclusive promotion of Pampers Trainers. True to form, at Sainsbury, Pampers Trainers are nowhere to be seen. But you can get 75p off and a free potty-training book if you buy Huggies Pull-Ups.

Retailers have been kicking themselves ever since they created the Pampers sensation. Their own nappy fixtures hardly make them a penny. If they can find a way of restoring their margins in the coming commotion they will.

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Bong! News at when — and at what cost to local MPs?

At the Edinburgh International Television Festival last weekend leading figures from Britain's broadcasting industry gathered together for three days of discussion about their favourite subject: themselves. Broadcast news was at the top of their agenda. ALEXANDRA FREAN was there

News that that chief executives of the 15 ITV companies are preparing to run the gauntlet of prime ministerial wrath and parliamentary pique by resurrecting their controversial plan to move *News At Ten* to an early-evening time slot has brought "the news" back into the news.

The proposal was revealed at the Edinburgh International Television Festival on Monday, where news programmes came under the spotlight. While ITV focused on the timing of its peak-time bulletin, the BBC concentrated on style and content.

The by now familiar clarion call from Martyn Lewis, the popular BBC 1 newscaster, for more "good news" on television was followed by the unusual sight of a BBC governor making a public appeal for more "heroic deeds" to be reported on the news.

(Incidentally, this intervention from Sir Graham Hills, the BBC governor for Scotland, followed an equally extraordinary edict from the corporation governing body in July. Faced with such threats as the privatisation of parts of the BBC and a real reduction in the television licence fee, the board could find no more pressing subject to raise in the annual report than the bad manners of its news interviewers. From now on Messrs Humphrys, Paxman *et al* are to be more polite, the governors ruled.)

Although the BBC reckons that 20 million people watch its television news programmes every day, recent independent research suggests that by far the majority of those who do switch channels after less than five minutes.

The current debate about broadcast news, however, is not just about audiences. It is also inextricably entwined in politics.

The significance of the political dimension to the *News At Ten* debate in particular has been hugely underestimated by commentators and by some of the ITV companies themselves. The fact that *News At Ten* coincides with the winding-up of the main business in the Commons — thereby providing lots of free exposure to MPs — really only constitutes a small part in a much larger and more important political debate: television ownership.

Virtually since the day the 1990 Broadcasting Act was implemented in January, the chairmen of the ITV companies have been pressing Peter Brooke, the heritage minister, to change two fundamental tenets in the rules governing television ownership.

It now seems highly unlikely that Mr Brooke will extend the so-called moratorium on ITV takeovers for which some of the smaller television companies have been pushing. Such a change would require primary legislation, a lengthy and potentially messy process for which Mr Brooke has so far shown little inclination.

The minister may, however, be more prepared to consider changes to the rules restricting the takeover of one ITV company by another. At present the act prevents the nine ITV companies designated by their licences as "large" from owning more than 20 per cent of a competitor.

Although such a change would not require primary legislation, it would necessitate debate in both the Commons and the Lords before it could become law by means of a parliamentary device known as a statutory instrument.

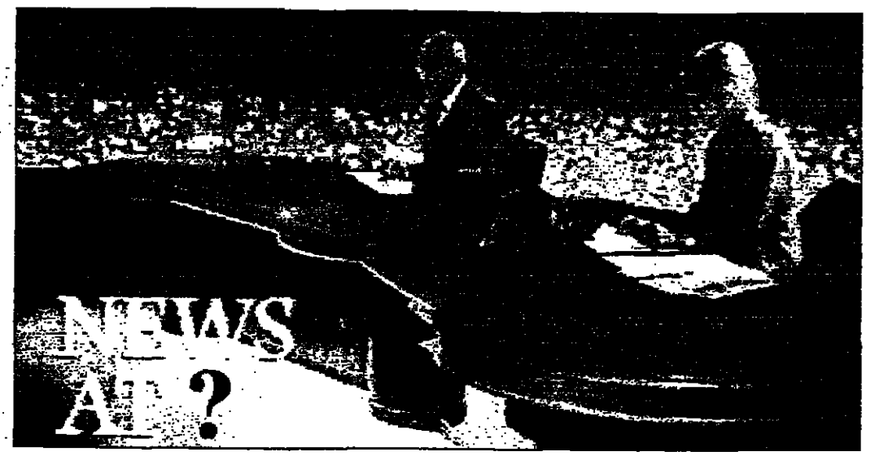
This is where the danger lies for ITV. Alienating MPs over the relatively minor issue of moving *News At Ten* could cost them vital support in the ownership issue.

The familiar parliamentary battle lines — with Labour opposing concentration of media ownership and the Conservatives pushing for a free market — are muddled and confused by the widely divergent interests of the individual ITV companies. Several of the smaller ones, for example, fear that they will literally be fighting for their lives should the ownership restrictions be relaxed.

Television reaches into the homes and lives of more than 95 per cent of the population and directly touches every single MP, wherever they are based. What member of parliament would want to vote against the interests of the television company based in and covering their region?

Over the next few months the ITV network centre will continue to wheel out research based on viewing figures and advertising revenue to support its case for moving its flagship news programme. Behind the scenes, however, the individual television companies will be working even harder to exploit or mitigate the effect the *News At Ten* debate has had on their local MPs.

Meanwhile, the BBC will no doubt be minding its Ps and Qs with certain MPs as part of its crucial battle to dissuade the government from reducing the television licence fee, or abolishing it altogether.



Celebrities have tried out as soccer pundits. **Robin Hunt** asks if the work made them sick as parrots

Living a fantasy in the press box


David Mellor: Chelsea supporter's dream


Kate Hoey: conferences were "a farce"


Melvyn Bragg: just watching was better


Delia Smith: difficult to remember goals

We live in an era when television has made us armchair critics of virtually anything that is kicked, cover-driven, jumped or thrown. BSkyB's Sky Sports now offers us a football channel with no commentary so that we can provide our own, while, during the last football season, London Weekend Television piloted a system that enabled viewers with special televisions to become producers, choosing to watch a live Sunday football match from any of the many camera angles normally used in football coverage.

Peter Watson, *Sunday Express* sports editor, has developed the notion further with his newspaper's celebrity football reports. Watson knows that from the prime minister down (or up: John Major supports Chelsea) everybody is a closet football reporter these days, and he has given many famous fans the chance to act out this modern fantasy.

Under Watson's management a strong squad has been brought together in the *Express* colours over the past two years. Covering the right flank, the paper has been represented by Richard Ryder, the government's chief whip, Sir Terence Dicks, David Mellor and Geoffrey Dickens. On the left, we have seen Kate Hoey, Neil Kinnock, Roy Hattersley and Jack Straw adding red-blooded bite. Forming the midfield have been Delia Smith, Elton John, Greg Dyke, David Hamilton and Nigel Kennedy among others. Up front, the artistic target players have included Melvyn Bragg, Julian Lloyd Webber, Clive Anderson and Russell Grant.

Mr Watson says: "What has been surprising and refreshing is the enthusiasm which such a wide range of people have brought to the reporting. If, say, Melvyn Bragg does the reporting one week — and he is friends with Greg Dyke — I then find that Greg rings up and he wants to do it as well."

For many of the *Express* celebrity team the job was the ultimate in wish-fulfilment. Sports reporting appears easy to the armchair television critic. There are action replays, former professionals to point the way, and many camera angles from which to choose. But not all of Watson's team found reporting from the press box such an easy task. Delia Smith, the television cookery presenter and a passionate Norwich supporter, found that her match's ingredients proved tricky. "There were five goals [a 3-2 victory over Crystal Palace] and it was very difficult to remember who had passed to whom for all the goals." However, for true fanatics, such as the disc jockey David Hamilton, who supports Fulham and looks forward to a time when his club is in the Carling Premiership, it was easy. "As a teenager I wrote previews of matches for a magazine called *Soccer Star*. For my match report I wrote the intro and the outro beforehand and just had to concentrate on the meat." Hamilton's problem was the location: Hartlepool, "with one stand down and the wind gusting in from the sea". (He was also lucky that the score was 0-0).

> 'It was terribly difficult. If you support a team, then you tend to watch only them and the opposition is just a sort of blur'

For Melvyn Bragg, who covered Arsenal, last season's home match against Sheffield Wednesday was made more difficult as his well-researched pre-match notes, which said that Arsenal were in poor form and unable to score, did not help much in a second half when they scored seven times. "I didn't enjoy it as much as just watching," he says. "Normally, I find myself worrying about the psychology of Lee Dixon [the Arsenal and England right back]; it was the same with David Rocastle . . . until he was sold . . . but during that second half they couldn't miss."

Sir Terence Burns, permanent secretary to the Treasury, shared Bragg's obsession with his own side, Queens Park Rangers. "It was terribly difficult. If you support a team, then you tend to watch only them and the opposition is just a sort of blur. When we played Manchester City I was lucky because I was able to find out about them through Howard Davies, who's the head of the CBI, and is also a great fan."

Sir Terence appreciated the "collegiate system" in the press box which sees information — though never exclusives such as imminent transfers or managers about to be sacked — shared readily. However, he brought to his analysis his own Treasury expertise. "I've got various ways of analysing how a match is going. I break them down into 15-minute sectors and then count corners, free kicks, major incidents, and locate where they took place. This allows me to see how the shape of the match is defined.

"Afterwards, it was a great insight to be able to listen to the managers — I'm pleased to say I got a bit of that into my report. I found it fascinating to watch these interviews. I've sat alongside prime ministers and chancellors as they have faced the press and now I've been on the other side and I know how difficult it is."

From his sojourn in the press box for the *Express*, Graham Kelly, chief executive of the Football Association, discovered that the interviews with footballers "often take place in the car park," as there are no better facilities. He hopes there will be a pilot scheme this season, which at least makes this kind of interview mandatory, as already happens in Europe, rather than simply if a footballer feels like talking.

However, the Labour MP, Kate Hoey, who watched Arsenal, was not so impressed by the post-match conferences. Perhaps years of watching her own party conferences being analysed (Should Labour be using the left field more? Is Tony Blair playing out of position?) have brought a sharper eye for these things. "They're a bit of a farce: everyone is looking for their own exclusive, so nobody really asks anything at all."

Ms Hoey has a closer relationship with her club than most as she once worked for Arsenal as an education adviser to their younger players, ensuring they had some skills other than those of football.

She says: "Once you analyse football writing, you realise there are two kinds of reporter: those who cover the practicalities of a match, and people such as Patrick Barclay of *The Observer*, who has the space to look at tactics and to write beautifully. I'd like to see a good sports journalist reporting on the House of Commons."

Who knows, perhaps this is the fantasy of all football writers? It may not be just political commentators who ponder how Europe will affect Mr Major this season. Meanwhile, the rest of us dream about Manchester United, Arsenal, Norwich and Aston Villa, and at least one fan (myself) will still wish he was not just watching — however skilfully — but playing. Of course, that is the oldest football fantasy of all.

Breakfast TV is the best fare to last the day

The finest daytime programming, scarcely ten years old, is to be seen first thing in the morning

Daytime television for grown-ups is a phenomenon scarcely ten years old in Britain. But now the nation rises to three ways of taking breakfast with moving pictures.

During term time, schools can still count on two channels of schools television, and two channels, BBC1 and ITV, lay out their wares to entice the massively swelled ranks of those at home with daytime leisure hours to fill.

The daytime schedules of the two major non-schools channels have settled for formulae remarkably similar to each other. Typically, the viewer can expect the first 90 minutes or so of daytime television from the end of the breakfast franchises at about 9am (and BBC's opening sequence looks every bit as separately licensed an entity a Channel 3's constitutionally is) to be given over to some combination of game shows and studio audiences locked in topical argument.

Here are to be found the hidden careers of such notables as Tom O'Connor and Gordon Burn (he of *The Krypton Factor*, now hosting on the BBC).

They lead a subculture of younger fellows (sorry if I've failed to spot a woman gameshow host) whose curricula vitae will be built in this shrink-wrapped world.

The format-deal specialists will be driven to ever more ingeniously trivial pursuits around which our genial host dispenses the one-liners, the audience hits the cheer and stomp button on cue, and contesting pairs vie to lose "oh so gallantly" or "come back next time".

Interwoven with the games are the people shows, characterised by ITV's roving debate, *The Time, The Place*, and for BBC1, *Kilroy*. Neither of them is exactly *Oprah*, but both go for the "people" issue of the moment. The BBC's offering is the more likely to leave both the "ordinary people" and the "experts" in the shadow of the presenter.

Then to the main action. It took BBC1 some time to get there, but at last the 1990s have brought the full fruits of consumer choice in a competitive market place to daytime viewers.

The BBC's *Good Morning With Anne and Nick* is a coffee time clone of Granada's *This Morning* on ITV: two magazine sequences, occupying most of the morning, featuring book-and-telly circuit guests; your health; your recipe; your emotional problems; your DIY hints, your commercials, and, most crucially, your pick of husband-and-wife style team.

With that pattern looking set for a while, it is what follows that looks ripest for development. The BBC follows on with a return to the Pebble Mill format, Alan Titchmarsh and Judy Spiers presiding over what a younger person of my acquaintance describes as the "same old format of chat and middle-of-the-road music for the dentally-deprived". And there does seem to be an older viewer in mind.

ITV has been slipping its toddlers' corner in around midday, but the end of that is already nigh. With John Tusa and Edward Sturton looking as over-cast in the BBC's lunchtime news as John Gielgud in pantomime, the overall message is a touch confused until the soaps take over.

ITV's new brooms are already poised at least to rearrange the dust by scattering *Coronation Street* and *Emmerdale* repeats. As for the BBC, it is good to know that it can still keep Britain in the mainstream of world culture by ensuring that *Dallas* is always available.

To end at the beginning. Curious, is it not, that quite suddenly it is Britain, where "breakfast television will never catch on", according to some not so very long ago, that shows real choice in a way that few other countries can match at this time of day, nor our own terrestrial schedules during the rest of daytime.

In fact, nowhere else on our television can we see so clearly different philosophies producing different programmes as in the two or three hours before 9am.

What we have now is the BBC's breakfast news looking confident in its format and with a constituency that has grown even as the competition has grown: the riotous, raucous, off-the-wall success of Planet 24's *The Big Breakfast*, now entering the tough "whaddya do for an encore?" phase of its young life in good shape; and ITV's *GMTV*, wallowing in the "big story".

So if you do not quite fancy the teenage killer who got off, quite so early, or the toe-curling sight of a programme's own resident doctor and his wronged wife doing their non-relating on screen, you know where not to go. That, it must be allowed, is a very real choice.

PETER FIDDICK


Chris Evans: what does he do now?

Ministers in pursuit of the unspeakable

Plans to gag the press could make the government powerful media enemies

Oscar Wilde, the master of paradox, would be amused by the incongruity of the latest scene in that long-running farce "The Government versus the Press".

The government has let it be known through its time-honoured method of secrecy — the lobby briefing — that it is about to do something pretty radical about the press's intrusive behaviour. What we learn from these official leaks is that ministers have decided not to restrain press freedom by imposing a statutory press tribunal.

Instead, they propose to restrain press freedom by introducing criminal laws, which will make it an offence to obtain personal information through intrusion on to private property. This will, effectively, outlaw the use of surveillance methods such as bugging, tape recordings and even photography, which have been used in various recent royal and political scandals. No matter, apparently, that editors have already incorporated exactly the same bans in their revised code of behaviour, with the important concession of a public interest defence.

The government has also decided to create a new civil law so that people who believe their privacy has been invaded will be able to sue for damages. In yet another separate initiative, complainants will also be able to seek redress through a totally new character in media history — an "official voluntary" ombudsman. "Official" means the ombudsman will be established by government fiat. "Voluntary" means that the appointed person will not carry any statutory powers, but work behind the scenes.

One newspaper even managed to pluck the name of Lord Howe, as if from thin air, as the likely first appointment to this strange post of secret watchdog. Evidently, he is to bark — or perhaps it should be baa — at the industry's own Press Complaints Commission (PCC) to ensure it operates properly, but might also take up individual cases himself.

> 'It's just a way of trying to control us'

Then again, none of this may happen. In the usual manner of government leaks, where intention is difficult to divorce from propaganda, it could well be nothing more than a vague threat to ensure that the press starts to toe the line. But it is a potentially perilous threat if self-regulation through the PCC is to be undermined by the appointment of an ombudsman.

Initial reaction to both the privacy laws and an ombudsman have been trenchantly hostile. Most editors, whether broadsheet or tabloid, believe that these measures intrude on their freedom to operate.

Most of them cannot divine how self-regulation can work effectively if there is to be a new tier — a sort of supreme court of appeal — above the PCC. "An ombudsman would render the PCC redundant," says one senior newspaper executive. Others think it is a bluff. "I don't believe there will be an ombudsman," says Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of *The Sun*. "They're just putting us under pressure to get our house in order."

He echoes the views of other editors at News International and at the *Telegraph*, who view the Cabinet's obsession with press laws as a reaction to criticism of the Tory government. Mr MacKenzie argues: "They are fed up with being abused and they have come to detest the press. Privacy is not really the issue. It's just a way of hitting back, of trying to control us."

Many editors believe the Tories are upset that their long-time alliance with newspapers has given way to the sort of hostile coverage once reserved solely for the Labour Party.

The most placatory view of the government's plan comes from Charles Wintour, in-house ombudsman at *The Sunday Times*, in spite of conceding it would put him out of a job. He says: "An ombudsman couldn't be imposed on newspapers and could only work if the various groups agree. But an ombudsman has advantages in sorting out complaints.

"He can meet people face to face. He can deal with complaints quickly. He can get to the truth more easily. If the government go ahead, then I would have to drop out. You can't have two ombudsman and I would give way to a superior force."

Elsewhere, there was no similar mood of conciliation. In the defiant words of Mr MacKenzie: "Whatever politicians do, or try to do, *The Sun* will go on publishing stories that will outrage the ruling classes."

Indeed, before the prime minister goes ahead he might well heed Wilde's advice: "A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies."

ROY GREENSLADE

NEWS

Coal sell-off raises safety fears

■ British Coal is to be split into five groups ready for sale next spring, according to draft plans that are almost certain to cause more embarrassment for the government after the controversies over the rail and prison privatisation programmes.

Changes in safety rules are expected to be fiercely resisted, particularly in the wake of the Bilsthorpe roof collapse that killed three men last month , and miners are also likely to be angered by the prospect of reduced redundancy payments. Page 1

US signals deal to Palestinians

■ The Clinton administration yesterday indicated that it might end its three-year ban on contacts with the PLO as Israel and the Palestinians agreed an outline for control of the West Bank and Gaza Pages 1, 10, 14, 15

Heart breakthrough

The first successful heart operation performed on an unborn baby in the womb has been announced by a team of doctors at Guy's Hospital in London. The baby, a girl born six weeks later, is now alive and well at two years old Page 1

Hope for students

A university in Prague is offering places to British students who have become victims of the squeeze on higher education places this year. There have been more than 300 enquiries from applicants making alternative plans after receiving disappointing A-level results Page 1

Prisons overhaul

The prison service is to be overhauled, cutting out red tape and improving efficiency, to give prison governors greater control of their jails. Staff at prison service headquarters expect far-reaching changes Pages 1, 2

Broadmoor accused

Broadmoor hospital was criticised for racism in a report into the death of a black patient. Orville Blackwood died in 1991 after he had been injected with tranquilisers Page 2

Threat to isles

A shipping service which supplies Scottish islands with coal, building materials and road salt says it will stop operating at the end of the year if the government does not provide funding. The company says it is not possible to make any further cuts Page 3

Death apology

A loyalist terror group apologised after admitting it had mistakenly shot dead a woman in her home. It said the target was her husband. The woman was hit several times when shots were fired through a glass panel in her front door in a mainly Catholic area of north Belfast Page 5

Bosnia deal

The leaders of the Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnian government agreed on a rapid ceasefire and an exchange of prisoners at the resumed Geneva peace talks. They also agreed on a joint commission to restore basic utilities to Sarajevo Page 8

Mother killed

The body of a young mother who was beaten to death after walking her baby sitter home was later found by her father. The woman was found in a field a hundred yards from her home in West Glamorgan Page 5

French conflict

The harmonious relations between France's prime minister and its president could be shattered as Edouard Balladur, the premier, prepares to force a confrontation with François Mitterrand on the issue of political asylum Page 11

Hong Kong protest

Chris Patten, Hong Kong governor, returned from holiday to face a protest by civil servants about local Chinese resentment over what they see as favourable treatment for expatriates Page 11

How musical practice makes perfect

■ Everyone has the potential to scale the musical heights, providing they are prepared to put in long hours of practice — at least 5000 hours before the age of 18, to be precise. Professor John Sloboda told the British Association that there was no evidence that musicians were born and not made and that even Mozart had to clock up the hours Page 6

CHRIS HARRIS



Garry Kasparov, right, talking yesterday to Brian Redhead on BBC Radio 4's *Today* about the prospects for his defence of the title in next week's *Times* World Chess Championship at the Savoy Theatre in London. Championship previews, pages 7 and 12

BUSINESS

Poverty plea: Lord Lawson, the former Chancellor, called for "a well-designed social security safety net" to protect the country's social underclass Page 21

Trade deadline: Peter Sutherland, the new director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, set December 15 as the date to clinch a pact on liberalising global trade Page 21

Markets: The FT-SE 100 share index set a new record trading high, rising 14.5 to 3,115.1, but ended the session barely changed at 3,100.0, down 0.6. On the foreign exchange, sterling closed .10 cents lower at $1.4883 and down .32 pfennigs at DM2.4987 Page 24

SPORT

Cricket: Harold Bird, the umpire, admitted he was wrong yesterday. He recalled the Kent batsman, Graham Cowdrey, who had almost left the field, after initially giving him out caught behind off the Northamptonshire fast bowler, Curtly Ambrose Page 38

Football: Fifa, the world governing body, has threatened to suspend France from international action and to shift the 1988 World Cup away from France Page 40

Cricket: Ian Salisbury, the Sussex leg spinner, has been told he needs to rest a shoulder injury but the England management is determined to try to include him in next year's West Indies tour Page 40

FEATURES

Revolution from within: When Kasparov and Short play in *The Times* World Chess Championship they will be completing a revolution against the game's governing body which began in a Moscow hotel in 1985 Page 12

Mother courage: Mothers who rear children alone against the odds have the backbone Britain needs, says Libby Purves Page 13

Why the fuss? Parents are being bombarded with blandishments to buy a product they never knew they needed — the disposable potty training nappy Page 18

Autumn plums: From the new David Hare to the latest Kieslowski, critics select the most promising new plays, films, operas, ballets, concerts and exhibitions Page 29

Let's get physical: The Edinburgh Festival's superb offering of foreign drama has illustrated the gap between the text-based acting style in Britain and the emphasis on "physical theatre" abroad Page 30

Forty years after Fahrenheit: His grim prediction about the spread of illiteracy seems to be coming true. Yet, 40 years after the publication of his novel *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury remains a surprising optimist Page 31

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Paul Hutchins, a policeman, was jailed for four years for trying to murder his wife after they had swapped partners with friends Page 3



Sally Becker, the British aid worker in Bosnia, said she had arranged a partial truce with Croat forces besieging part of Mostar Page 8



Delia Smith, the cookery writer, is one of the celebrities who have swapped their usual public role in favour of a stint as a football reporter Page 19

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Director lands a tasty fish

■ With his hugely enjoyable new film, *Passion Fish*, John Sayles has proved that he is "the pride and glory of American independent film-makers," says Geoff Brown

Sloping off to the slopes

■ Going skiing this winter? Travel News on the deals you can expect from tour operators this season

The new age of uncertainty

■ If we live to 115, what will be the effect on our mental abilities? The psychologist Ian Robertson reports

Phyllis Logan plays a rising star of the Labour party in *Love and Reason* (BBC2, 9.25pm), a three-part drama Page 39

A different peace

The atmosphere at the Washington talks has been transformed, and the prospects for a wider Middle Eastern peace with them, but years of abortive shuttle diplomacy bear witness to the proclivity of Arab-Israeli negotiations to founder and Syria's silence bodes ill. America's "catalytic" influence will never be more necessary than in the weeks ahead Page 15

Key to the prison

If privatisation is to succeed, Mr Howard must make its merits more intelligible. The prison service is a highly inefficient monopoly, burdened by sluggish management, union intransigence and centralisation Page 15

Waiting for Godette

"Any production which ignores my *stage directions is completely unacceptable* to me," Beckett once intoned. Put simply, there can be no oestrogen in Estragon Page 15

SIMON JENKINS

Five years ago Margaret Thatcher's cabinet took a view that the country "needed" more scientists. Universities were told to offer more science places. Schools were told to produce thousands more science pupils. Stakhanov stirred in his grave — and smiled Page 14

PETER RIDDELL

Shrewd politicians have often steered well clear of law and order . . . Now, however, Michael Howard is eagerly highlighting law and order at every opportunity from *Today* to *Newsnight* with all available tabloids in between Page 14

The United Nations relief organisation: underfunded or extravagant? Page 15

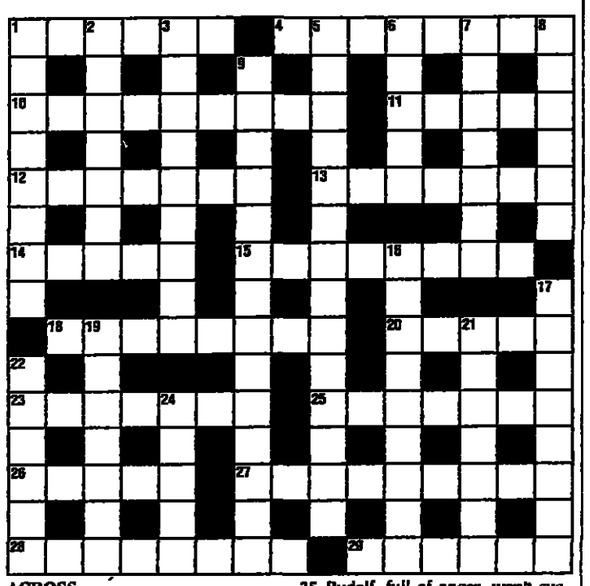
The bargain has many opponents in Jerusalem and the Arab states: it leaves much unresolved. But these worries do not overshadow the real progress this pact contains

— USA Today

America's own greatest interest in all this bargaining is enhanced security for Israel and a durable regional peace

— The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,324



ACROSS

1 Those emerging victorious in foreign fields (6).
4 Fellow taken in by short account rebuffed story-teller (8).
10 You want fragrant lamb? Mint could be the answer (9).
11 Lacking that certain something to outlaw gangster (5).
12 Drove and rode recklessly after vehicle test (7).
13 Sides in English League initially level before introduction of substitute (7).
14 Second Earl of Guildford may make declaration (5).
15 Warlike people potentially tameable (8).
18 Sort of poisoning a pimento can produce (8).
20 Drink from Germany introduced by the French (5).
23 Anguish from wrong remedy suppressing cold (7).
25 Rudolf, full of anger, won't succeed as a man (7).
26 Ace section of hospital gets the prize (5).
27 One with estate can show you way round county, right (9).
28 Garment beginning to squeeze? Then strip! (8).
29 'Busy' type nabbing bad lad? (6).

DOWN

1 Frame nationalist charged with treason (8).
2 A superior who offers encouragement? (7).
3 Pram sheet made fancy with ribbon (9).
5 Where there may be a different set of digits, however (2,3,5,4).
6 Sort of movement that draws male into island uprising (5).
7 Unceremonious dismissal by a novice in set (7).
8 Liking a smack (6).
9 Misses out in France (14).
16 American port and British beer circulating round Indonesian island (9).
17 Keep something in the larder? (8).
19 Land with water and more water? Not Western Australia (7).
21 A legend is spurious, it's gathered (7).
22 Instruments providing form of jazz aboard (6).
24 Working for international organisation upset revolutionary (5).

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 37 per cent of the competitors at the 1993 Bristol regional final of The Times Knockando Crossword Championship.

Concise Crossword, page 40

Solution to Puzzle No 19,323

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WEATHER

After early mist and fog patches, the day will be rather cloudy, but there should be some bright or sunny periods, especially in Wales and southwest England. There may be patchy drizzle in northern and western Scotland. Temperatures will be generally similar to yesterday's, with winds staying mainly light. Outlook: a band of thicker cloud, with patchy rain or drizzle, will move southwards followed by brighter but cooler weather.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder, d=drizzle, lg=log; s=sun, sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair, c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	77	s	Malaga	26	79	f
Alicatin	32	90	s	Malta	28	82	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Melb'rne	18	64	s
Algiers	29	84	s	Mexico C*	20	68	f
Amst'dm	17	63	c	Miami*	31	88	f
Athens	29	84	f	Milan	25	77	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Montreal*	25	77	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Moscow	12	54	sl
Barbados*	31	88	f	Munich	13	55	c
Barcelona	26	79	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Beirut	30	86	s	Naples	26	79	s
Berlin	17	63	f	N Delhi	32	90	f
Bermuda*	30	86	s	N York*	26	82	f
Biarritz	24	75	s	Nice	23	73	s
Borde'x	25	77	s	Oslo	15	59	f
Brussels	17	63	c	Paris	17	63	c
Budapst	14	57	r	Peking	32	90	s
B Aires*	7	45	r	Perth	14	57	c
Cairo	36	97	s	Prague	11	52	f
Cape Tn	16	61	c	Reykjavik	13	55	f
Chicago*	31	88	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Ch'church	11	52	f	Rio de J	38	100	s
Cologne	15	59	c	Riyadh	43	109	s
C'phagn	16	61	f	Rome	26	79	s
Corfu	27	81	s	Salzburg	19	66	c
Dublin	20	68	s	S F'disco*	19	66	c
Faro	28	82	s	Santiago*	11	52	c
Florence	26	79	s	S Paulo*	32	90	f
Frankfurt	17	63	c	Seoul	28	82	s
Funchal	23	73	s	Sing'por	29	84	r
Geneva	20	68	s	St'kholm	13	55	r
Gibraltar	21	70	c	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
Helsinki	12	54	c	Sydney	21	70	sh
Hong K	28	84	s	Tangier	27	81	f
Innsbruck	14	57	c	Tel Aviv	34	93	s
Istanbul	25	79	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	39	102	f	Tokyo	29	84	f
Jo'burg*	17	63	f	Toronto*	25	77	c
Karachi	31	88	c	Tunis	28	82	s
L Palmas	28	79	s	Valencia	26	79	f
La Tquet	17	63	f	Vanc'ver*	19	66	s
Lisbon	27	81	s	Venice	23	73	c
Locarno	27	81	s	Vienna	15	59	f
L Angele*	23	73	s	Warsaw	15	59	f
Luxembg	14	57	c	Wash'ton*	34	93	s
Lisbon	43	109	s	Wel'ington	12	54	f
Madrid	35	79	s	Zurich	16	61	c
Majorca	27	81	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F). min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F) Humidity. 6pm, 59 per cent Rain 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 6.6hr Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,029.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Ross on Wye, 25C (77F), lowest day max Baltasound, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Kelswall, Orkney, 0.20in; highest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Islands, 11.9hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11.1.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F). min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil Sun 24hr to 6pm, 12.5hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

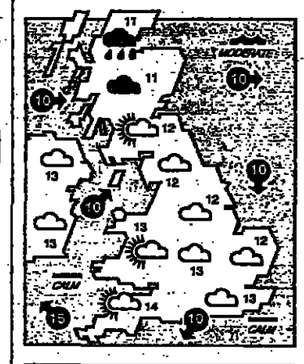
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.6	0.01	15	59	rain
Anglesey	6.8	-	17	63	sunny
Aviemore	0.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Belfast	8.9	-	20	68	sunny
Birmingham	6.5	-	20	68	sunny
Bognor Regis	5.1	-	21	70	bright
Bournemouth	4.1	-	21	70	bright
Bristol	5.9	-	22	72	sunny
Buxton	6.9	0.07	18	64	sunny
Cardiff	6.5	0.09	20	68	drizzle
Clacton	4.8	-	22	72	sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.6	0.13	16	61	sunny
Eastbourne	6.8	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	5.0	-	20	68	bright
Eskdalemuir	8.5	-	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	4.5	-	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	0.3	0.09	19	66	drizzle
Folkestone	4.1	0.01	22	72	showrs
Glasgow	10.0	-	22	72	sunny
Hastings	6.8	-	22	72	bright
Hunstanton	7.8	-	17	63	sunny
Isle of Man	10.6	-	19	66	sunny
Jersey	11.9	-	21	70	sunny
Kinloss	1.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	11.2	-	21	70	sunny
Lerwick	0.2	0.03	11	52	drizzle
Littlehampton	4.4	-	21	70	sunny
Liverpool	8.8	0.03	17	63	sunny
London	6.2	-	23	73	sunny
Lowestoft	4.9	0.02	19	66	sunny
Margate	4.7	-	21	70	sunny
Morecambe	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Newquay	0.5	0.09	17	63	drizzle
Nottingham	9.6	-	21	70	sunny
Penzance	0.3	0.04	19	66	drizzle
Plymouth	0.5	0.02	18	64	cloudy
Poole	2.3	-	22	72	cloudy
Sidmouth	0.2	-	18	64	cloudy
Sandown	6.2	-	21	70	hazy
Saunton Snd	5.5	0.07	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	3.4	-	15	59	bright
Scilly Isles		0.13	18	64	fog
Shanklin	6.3	-	19	66	bright
Southsea	6.5	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	3.2	-	19	66	cloudy
Swanage	4.0	-	20	68	bright
Teignmouth	4.8	-	21	70	bright
Tenby	5.7	0.07	20	68	sunny
Tiree	8.3	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	4.1	-	24	75	bright
Weymouth	0.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Wick	0.4	0.09	13	54	rain

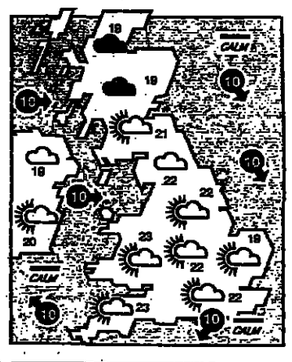
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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.318	2.118
Austria Sch	16.61	17.11
Belgium Fr	36.18	31.78
Canada $	2.093	1.939
Cyprus Cyp£	0.788	0.738
Denmark Kr	10.88	10.08
Finland Mrk	9.40	8.602
France Fr	9.20	8.50
Germany Dm	2.645	2.435
Greece Dr	366.84	341.84
Hong Kong $	12.24	11.24
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.04
Italy Lira	2486.47	2333.47
Japan Yen	173.44	153.94
Netherlands Gld	2.97	2.74
Norway Kr	11.433	10.633
Portugal Esc	265.67	247.17
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	208.96	194.96
Sweden Kr	12.64	11.84
Switzerland Fr	2.328	2.148
Turkey Lira	16000.00	17000.00
USA $	1.590	1.460

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





Lighting Up Time

London 6.17 pm to 5.43 am
Bristol 6.27 pm to 6.53 am
Edinburgh 8.37 pm to 5.47 am
Manchester 6.29 pm to 5.48 am
Penzance 6.36 pm to 6.07 am

Sun rises: 6.13 am
Sun sets: 7.47 pm
Moon sets: 6.42 am
Moon rises: 7.24 pm
Full moon 3.33am

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud, f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

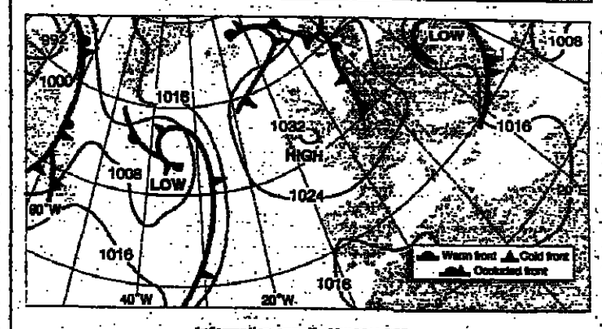
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	s	Guernsey	18	64	s
Birmingham	18	64	s	Inverness	19	66	c
Blackpool	19	66	s	Jersey	20	68	s
Bristol	20	68	s	London	15	59	c
Cardiff	20	68	s	M'chester	21	70	s
Edinburgh	22	72	s	Newcastle	20	66	f
Glasgow	21	70	s	R'nldsway	17	63	s

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.55	7.1	3.08	7.0
Aberdeen	2.02	4.1	2.34	4.0
Avonmouth	8.23	12.7	8.38	13.1
Belfast			12.08	3.2
Cardiff	8.08	11.8	8.23	12.1
Devonport	6.46	5.1	6.58	5.4
Dover	—	—	12.06	6.5
Falmouth	6.16	4.9	6.28	5.2
Glasgow	1.54	4.8	2.15	4.5
Harwich	—	—	12.58	3.9
Holyhead	11.27	5.2	11.35	5.6
Hull	7.14	7.4	7.46	7.0
Ilfracombe	7.01	9.7	7.17	9.0
King's Lynn	7.24	6.5	7.59	6.9
Leith	3.29	5.4	3.58	6.3

TOMORROW

	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	12.02	9.3	12.23	9.0
Lowestoft	10.22	2.5	11.09	2.3
Margate	1.12	4.8	1.06	4.6
Milford Haven	7.14	6.8	7.31	6.9
Newquay	6.04	6.5	6.21	6.9
Oban	6.43	3.7	6.59	4.1
Penzance	5.42	5.2	5.53	5.5
Portland	7.55	2.0	8.07	2.2
Portsmouth	12.31	4.7	12.37	4.6
Shoreham	12.02	6.0	12.23	6.0
Southampton	—	—	12.09	4.4
Swansea	7.31	9.2	7.46	9.5
Tees	4.34	6.3	5.00	6.1
Whitby	12.42	4.1	12.50	4.1



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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4883 (-0.0110)
German mark ... 2.4987 (-0.0032)
Exchange index ... 80.5 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3100.0 (-0.6)
Dow Jones ... 3643.99 (same)
Nikkei Avge 21026.60 (+113.91)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... 5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁵⁄₈%
US Federal Funds 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.01-3.00%*
Long Bond 6.10%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4875*	£:$ 1.4870
$:DM .. 1.6780*	£:DM 2.4967
$ SWfr. 1.4800*	£:SWfr...2.2003
$ Fir . 5.8620*	£:Fir 8.7065
$:Yen 104.68*	£:Yen ...155.54
£:SDR . . .... n/a	£:ECU ..1.3026

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 370.60 ..... PM 371.55
Close 371.40-371.90
New York.
Comex 372.75-373.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 140.7 July (1.4%)
* Denotes midday trading price



DES JENSON

Trade envoys back Gatt deal deadline

BY RODNEY HOBSON

■ Gatt members have until mid-December to secure a binding international agreement or risk the final collapse of the Uruguay Round and global free trade

THE final battle to save world trade talks has begun with a victory for Peter Sutherland, the hard-line director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

His insistence on setting December 15 as the make-or-break date to clinch a pact on liberalising global trade was endorsed at a meeting of trade envoys from 116 countries in Geneva.

They also accepted Mr Sutherland's date of next April for a ministerial meeting to sign an accord — assuming agreement on the Uruguay Round of trade talks is reached over the next 3½ months. It was the first meeting since the envoys returned to their capitals at the beginning of August to seek fresh concessions.

A Gatt spokesman in Geneva said: "There was unanimous support for Mr Sutherland's work programme to finish the round by year-end. He clearly and unequivocally stated that December 15 is the end of the round, for good or for bad."

The present round of talks began in Uruguay in 1986 and has stumbled from obstacle to obstacle. Mr Sutherland quit as an EC commissioner this year after his attempts to bridge the gap between the EC and the US over government support for agriculture were thwarted in Brussels. His appointment to Gatt on July 1 was seen as the last chance to rescue the Uruguay Round.

Andrew Stoler, acting head of the US Trade Representative's office in Geneva, welcomed the timetable. He said: "We always felt that mid-December would be time enough. If we can't do it by then, it's too bad." Congressional approval for the talks expires in December.

Mr Sutherland is understood to have told delegates that governments must show leadership in the face of pressure from lobbies such as farmers. He will take that message to Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, today and to Edouard Balladur, France's prime minister, next week. On September 17, he travels to Uruguay to meet Latin American ministers: a US tour, with stops in San Francisco, New York and Washington, will follow.

Farm trade reform is a key concern for both the French and German leaders. France has threatened to veto a Uruguay Round deal unless changes are agreed to a US-EC accord, known as the Blair House agreement, reached last November. The agreement has not been ratified.

A meeting of EC foreign and farm ministers on September 20 aims to hammer out a joint position on the Gatt talks. A common EC position on agriculture is seen as vital to an overall Uruguay Round deal.

Agriculture will become the key issue in Gatt negotiations in the latter part of September, after the text of an agreement on services is thrashed out. After that, rapid settlement of differences will be essential if the timetable for completion of the talks is to be met.

Output 'continues to grow'

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE output of British manufacturers and employment in the sector continued to improve in August, according to British purchasing managers, who provide the earliest snapshot of economic activity for the month just past.

The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply said manufacturing industry has been expanding for seven successive months and the August output rise was the tenth in a row. Peter Thomson, the director-general, said: "It is good to see the winds of recovery continue to blow through the UK manufacturing sector, and particularly encouraging to see increasing demand is translating into a rise in the levels of jobs."

The purchasing managers' new orders index showed no change in August, a positive result given the normal depressing effect of summer holidays and seasonal shutdowns.

On the stock market, the FT-SE 100 index ended 0.6 lower at 3,100, still very near record levels.

Meanwhile, the dollar rallied on the currency markets on news that the United States gross domestic product in the second quarter had been revised up to show growth of 1.8 per cent compared with the 1.6 per cent that was previously reported. The markets had been expecting a big downward revision to growth of only 1.1 per cent.

Lawson urges safety net for underclass of capitalism

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

LORD Lawson, the former Chancellor, yesterday called for "a well-designed social security safety net" to protect the country's growing social underclass. He said that market capitalism could not eliminate poverty, and therefore, voters had the right to expect government to provide a social security system.

Lord Lawson, addressing the annual British Association Science Festival at Keele University in Staffordshire, dismissed the view that capitalism had created a new poverty-stricken underclass. "Market capitalism is the best system ever devised for the avoidance of large-scale poverty and for enabling the poor to improve their lot," he said.

His remarks follow the publication yesterday of a 33-year study by the Economic and Social Research Council into the lifestyles of more than 11,000 people. The paper highlights the creation of an underclass of poor single mothers as a result of a rise in the number of broken marriages.

Lord Lawson, who, as Chancellor, was responsible for significant cuts in income tax, also said: "The wise government will best help the poor not by interfering with the market but by creating a well-designed social security net alongside it." He rejected average wage scales as a means of defining poverty levels and said benefits should be targeted rather than universal. Benefits for the unemployed should be linked to some form of workfare.

He expressed surprise that the "atmosphere of hostility to capitalism" was still so "pervasive" despite the retreat of socialism over the past decade. While capitalism's "superiority over all known alternative economic systems" was "no longer open to question", it was still seen as "morally suspect," he said.

Lord Lawson defended "self-interest and inequality" that often define capitalism. He insisted that without self-interest, a large-scale free society would be largely ungovernable. He said that "whereas capitalism is customarily discussed in terms of the motives of those governed, socialism is usually considered in terms of the motives of those in government."

He defended the principle of inequality. "There is clearly no principle of equality that has any conceivable merit. Equality in misery is of no value to anyone." He went on to defend disparities in pay: "While we are all equal under the law and in the sight of God, we are not all equally good footballers or singers; and people well understand that pay relates to performance rather than to moral worth. People do not expect some third division nonentity to be paid the same as Eric Cantona, or me the same as Pavarotti, should I inflict my singing on them."

Lord Lawson stressed the "positive moral arguments" for market capitalism, in particular the importance it placed on the family, "an important bulwark against tyranny". He questioned the commitment of some ministers to capitalist ideals: "If we are to live within a market capitalist system, it is unsatisfactory that we should have doubts about its moral foundations. One or two recent speeches by some members of the present government betray a worrying insecurity in this context."

British Association, page 6

ROBERT Ayling, the group managing director of British Airways, stripped to a towel at Heathrow Airport yesterday to test the company's new arrivals lounge at Terminal 4, which is the first of its kind in the world. The lounge, which cost £1.6 million, permits BA first and business class travellers to shower, shave and have their clothes pressed while a team of six attends to more mundane matters such as arranging car hire and photo-copying documents. Mr Ayling, who is pictured enjoying the close attentions of Vicki Gray of the British Airways promotion team, said: "No other airline or airport terminal in the world provides passengers with such a comprehensive service or warm welcome." The lounge has 23 shower and wash rooms. Breakfast is available for morning arrivals. British Airways expects up to 450 business customers to use the facilities each day.

Capitalism works, but that's no ethic



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Fighting old battles is instructive, not least because they are old. Nigel Lawson battled powerfully in the thick of the argument when capitalism was a dirty word for the young, when half the world was ruled by Marxists and creeping collectivism was challenging for the political centre ground even in Britain.

Since the socialist world imploded, it seems academic whether capitalism, which relies on self-interest and always creates income inequalities, is ethically better or worse than socialism, which negates family values, undermines thrift and requires coercion. But Lord Lawson was still fighting that nostalgic argument at the British Association yesterday.

In reality, the morality side of the argument was always rather false. Free markets and prices are not an economic system but the natural state of things, governed by laws of supply and demand as basic as those of weather or physics and no more moral or immoral than the tides. Indeed, had Communists and other power maniacs not tried to deny market forces, socialism might not have proved such an economic failure — as the old men of Peking finally realised. Now that we no longer need to look over our shoulders, we can afford to be more critical of our own "ism", to make it chime better with a nation "at peace with itself". The hostility to capitalism that still pervades the Labour Party, though partly for old times' sake, also has a strong populist base.

Envy itself is a force any democrat must respect. Our legal framework for capitalism, which grew naturally out of experience, also has important weaknesses. At the most basic level, the profit motive essential to growth and investment is bound to be suspect if most economic participants have no direct stake in profits.

Making capitalism more acceptable does not, therefore, mean averaging down. The drive to home ownership and the right to buy, which spread wealth and a stake in asset values to the majority, were just as egalitarian as punitive top tax rates. Employee share ownership, if it were not so suspect in the City, might eventually do as much. Mass share ownership through privatisation and personal equity plans had a similar initial aim, sadly long since lost. The pension fund system, based on restricted tax breaks, still breaks the direct link between savings and profit and puts a barrier in the way of the natural spread of wealth through inheritance of savings.

As Lord Lawson rightly argues, morality rests largely on the people who wield economic power rather than the system. Even so, statutes, tax rules and legal judgments have separated beneficial rights, ownership, control, management and employment in some unhelpful ways. The most malign effect is to make people feel they have to suppress their own ethical standards and take decisions purely as economic agents, acting like that mythical textbook figure, the economic man. Where functions are less divided, as in private family firms or under the German practice, this is less likely to happen. The Scargill judgment, which prevented the generality of trustees from taking ethical decisions that might conflict with their duty to maximise investment proceeds, was a particularly bizarre example.

Lord Lawson prefers this separation. He sees the social security system as the correct response to the emergence of an underclass and says successful businessmen help the "less fortunate" better by using their wealth for philanthropy than through their business methods. This would not have gone down well with the Salts and Cadburys who built model villages and aids to education for their employees. Their non-conformist consciences got it right, because they understood the importance of human dignity. People paid a living wage are far better off than those employed as cheap labour who have the difference made up by taxpayers.

Most stable capitalist economies have, for that reason, developed in societies with a dominant ethical religion that measures people's worth quite separately from their economic success. Our capitalist system is a driving force for progress and improvement but not for harmony, since its values make failures out of the majority who do not reach the tip of the heap. Capitalism works: for society to work we must operate it with values gained elsewhere.

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Simon Murray replaced as chief at Hutchison Whampoa


Li Ka-shing: unhappy

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

SIMON MURRAY resigned as managing director of Hutchison Whampoa, the flagship company in the group controlled by Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong tycoon. His departure follows disastrous overseas ventures, including a loss-making investment in UK telecommunications.

Mr Murray is replaced by Canning Fok, Mr Li's right-hand man. One of Mr Li's sons, Richard, becomes deputy chairman.

The changes end months of speculation about Mr Murray's future. A feisty Englishman and a former member of the French Foreign Legion, he was hired in 1984. He steered Hutchison through its most profitable years, but has been blamed for the group's foreign misfortunes. He was responsible for the telecoms investment and also engineered Mr Li's acquisition of the troubled Husky Oil in Canada. The latter move forced Hutchison to make huge provisions and declare an interim loss for the first time in more than a decade last year.

Although Mr Li had approved these projects, he is understood to be unhappy with the way they were managed. A growing chorus of dissent by other Hutchison executives has added to Mr Murray's isolation.

A Hutchison statement said Mr Murray was "to take up another position in the region" and would continue as a non-executive director of Hutchison and Cheung Kong Holdings, the group's main property company. Mr Li has been grooming his two sons, both in their late twenties, and other local executives to take up senior management positions as Hutchison scales back its overseas investments and moves into China.

Mr Fok, 42, has been with Hutchison for more than ten years and his appointment has caused no surprise. He is Mr Li's chief strategist in all corporate matters, and a director of several listed companies. Although little known — he has yet to give a press interview — he has been the architect and executor of almost every local property deal that Mr Li has struck. In the past two years, he has been active in the revamp of Husky Oil and the telecoms operations in Britain, often sidelining Mr Murray. He has been credited with turning round Husky, after six years of effort. Recently, he is understood to have had talks in London with potential buyers of Hutchison Telecom.

Mr Fok, an avid tennis player, lives with his wife, three daughters and one son in an exclusive district on the south side of Hong Kong Island. He drives a BMW company car to work and is keenly interested in cars, owning a Mercedes and a Ferrari.

George Magnus, until now Hutchison's deputy chairman, remains an executive director and becomes chairman of Hong Kong Electric Holdings, a Hutchison subsidiary.

Richard Li, 27, handled the sale of Star TV, the satellite television station, to The News Corporation, parent company of News International, which owns *The Times*. Hutchison said the exceptional profit was expected to reach HK$1.5 billion (£129 million), to be booked in the second half of this year.

Richard Li was made one of six executive directors of Hutchison last year. His promotion to deputy chairman underlines Li Ka-shing's plans for the succession in his empire. Richard's brother Victor, 29, is widely expected to move up the ladder in Cheung Kong, which owns 40 per cent of Hutchison.


Murray: blamed

Lloyd's agency forced to seek corporate funds

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ Merrett, the troubled underwriting agency, will ask Lloyd's of London to waive recommended limits on corporate capital as it strives to bridge a gap in funding

MERRETT Underwriting Agency Management, the Lloyd's managing agency, has been forced to fall back on corporate capital for funds after it discovered only a fraction of next year's capacity is being provided by members' agents.

Yesterday, Stephen Merrett, who two weeks ago agreed to stand down as chairman of MUAM under pressure from members' agents, revealed that the agents have only pledged £60 million of capacity for the 1994 underwriting year.

At a meeting two weeks ago, agents were asked to indicate the level of their support for MUAM's two main syndicates, 418 and 1067, by last Friday.

Stephen Cane, managing director at MUAM, said: "The shortfall is very large. It is a disappointment. We are looking for £150 million of capacity for syndicate 418 and between £100 million and £120 million for syndicate 1067. We are very optimistic we can achieve those levels."

Mr Merrett said he would have to turn to corporate capital to make up the shortfall.

There is, however, a stumbling block in that the Corporation of Lloyd's guidelines on corporate capital only allow corporate capital vehicles to provide a maximum of 50 per cent of a syndicate's capacity, unless the council of Lloyd's gives its consent.

The guidelines, which are shortly expected to become rules, exist to protect names against losing out to the heavy weight corporate capital providers.

Mr Cane said he hoped Lloyd's will waive the limit because individual names are being offered as much capacity as they want.

Of the 53 agencies that placed names on Merrett's nine syndicates in 1993, only 27 had responded to Mr Merrett's request for an indication of their support by last Friday.

Of the £60 million of commitments, £48 million was for the group's flagship syndicate 418, £25 million of which was through Members' Agents Pooling Arrangements (Mapas).

The 27 agencies that indicated their support provided 88 per cent of the syndicate's £151 million capacity this year.

The balance of £22 million was for syndicate 1067, which from the start of next year is being merged with syndicates 1066 and 1068.

In 1993, the Merrett Group's capacity for its nine syndicates totalled £385 million, compared with £498 million in 1992. Agents were not asked to indicate their support for the remaining syndicates, 179, 332 and 1184.

DAVID LIDDLE


Severfield-Reeve, the USM-quoted steel group, made an interim pre-tax profit to end-June of £210,000 (£398,000 loss). The dividend is 0.25p (nil). John Reeve, chairman, is pictured at Murrayfield, where the group is building a new stand.

Attwoods' US offshoot indicted over contracts

ATTWOODS, the waste management group, where Sir Denis Thatcher is deputy chairman, says one of its United States subsidiaries and certain of its current and former employees have received indictments from the US attorney for the district of Maryland. The indictments served on Eastern Waste Industries refer to billing irregularities and alleged technical violations of contracting provisions of a municipal contract.

The US authorities launched their enquiry in August 1991. The events in question date back to before Attwoods acquired EWI in 1988. In its 1992 accounts, Attwoods made a $10 million provision to cover contract eventualities. Attwoods says its US subsidiary instituted its own investigation in March 1990, which researched customer accounts as far back as 1982 — six years before the acquisition. Where it had been found that a customer had been billed improperly, restitution in full, together with interest had been made. Attwoods adds that EWI has co-operated fully with the authorities at all times.

CS Holding ahead

CS HOLDING, the Swiss financial services group that controls Credit Suisse and CS First Boston, has increased its net profits by 65 per cent to SFr 882 million (£392 million) in the first half of the year. The group met its target of a 15 per cent return on equity for the first time. The return was 15.3 per cent compared with 11.7 per cent at the end of 1992. Group provisions, losses and write-offs rose 62 per cent to SFr1.34 billion from SFr 827 million in the first six months of 1992, "mainly because the Swiss economy is still in recession", it said.

Gold retailer cuts losses

OWEN & Robinson, the specialist gold retailer, has reduced its losses at the half-way stage to £1.7 million before tax from £2.4 million. The improvement stemmed partly from a reduction in costs and central overheads. The group said that any signs of economic recovery continued to be "random and inconsistent". Foothold, the group's specialist sports footwear subsidiary, made a small trading profit against a small loss last time. Losses per share in the half year to end-July were 13.94p (LPS 31.08p). There is no dividend (nil).

Call for late-paying law

SMALL businesses have called for a law to tackle the problem of late payment of bills. The demand came in a survey, by the Association of British Factors and Discounters, of 155 small and medium-sized companies with a turnover of between £1 million and £30 million. More than eight out of 10 companies were suffering financial difficulties because of late payment of invoices. Companies wanted ministers to streamline the court procedure for recovering debt and to introduce a statutory requirement for interest on late bills.

Admiral lifts dividend

ADMIRAL, the computing services company, has lifted the interim dividend from 1.7p a share to 2p, on the back of pre-tax profits up 11 per cent to £2.2 million from £1.9 million. Clay Brendish, chairman, said the UK operating companies had broadened their range of products, and Admiral's consulting services had increased their market share. New contracts have been won in Malaysia and the Philippines, and Admiral says its Australian company will benefit from a number of federal and state government initiatives.

Macfarlane advances



A 17.6 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profit at Macfarlane, the Scottish packaging group chaired by Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, left, was at the top end of market expectations. Sales rose 9.4 per cent to £46.3 million in the six months to end-June, as profits increased from £4.5 million to £5.3 million. The shares added 2p to 216p. The interim dividend is 1.44p, compared with 1.25p.

Bellwinch back in profit

INCREASED house sales helped to put Bellwinch, the Wembley builder, back into profit. In the 12 months to end-June, it achieved 184 house sale completions against 124 last time, resulting in taxable profits of £28,000 (£98,000 losses). There is no dividend (nil). Bellwinch made a profit of £161,000 before an exceptional charge of £133,000 relating to the costs of a recent £6.5 million placing and open offer. It said that there had been a marked improvement in the numbers of site visitors and net reservations since the early part of this year.

Operating profits at Short Bros take off

BY A CORRESPONDENT

SHORT Brothers, the Belfast aerospace firm sold by the government to the Canadian Bombardier transport equipment group nearly four years ago, yesterday announced a net profit of £28.2 million for the year to the end of January, barely changed from £28.6 million for the preceding year but on a substantially lower turnover of £381 million, against £392 million.

Operating profits rose to £63.1 million from £47.3 million the year before.

Only £6.9 million was received in interest last year against £12.3 million in 1991-2. Spending on major re-equipment and modernisation proceeded apace. Some £134 million had now been spent of the £200 million government "dowry" that went with the Bombardier takeover in 1989 to be committed over a four-year period. Laurent Baudoin, chairman, reported yesterday. "The returns in terms of improved productivity and continuing improvement in profitability have been most encouraging."

Against the background of a global recession causing severe problems in the world's aerospace and defence sectors, Shorts' turnover of more than £381 million was maintained at a "satisfactory" level, Mr Baudoin said. In the last full year of state ownership Shorts' turnover was just over £218 million on which a trading loss of more than £26 million was recorded.

Fraud office has month to decide on Homes trial

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE Serious Fraud Office has a month in which to decide whether to launch fresh proceedings against Michael Robinson, former managing director of Homes Assured, who walked free from court at the weekend at the end of a four-month trial.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict on Mr Robinson, who was accused of fraudulent trading. The fraud office has been given until October 1 to decide on the merits of a fresh prosecution.

Anthony Dobson, founder of Homes Assured, and Keith Woodward, former finance director, were convicted of trading while the company was insolvent. Dobson, 60, was also found guilty on two charges of procuring the execution of a security by deception. Woodward, 56, was found guilty of one charge of furnishing false information.

Dobson and Woodward will be sentenced on October 1. A decision on Mr Robinson will be taken that morning.

The cost of a fresh trial is likely to be a significant factor for the fraud office, which has been criticised over a string of unsuccessful prosecutions.

The Homes Assured case cost more than £1 million, compared with £2 million for Blue Arrow.

The fraud office began investigating Homes Assured in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police in October 1989, after the mortgage broker collapsed owing £10.7 million.

HSBC Holdings plc

1993 interim results

Half year to	30 June 1993	30 June 1992
Profit before tax	£1,177m	£521m
Profit attributable to shareholders	£831m	£341m
Earnings per share	33.12p	20.97p
Dividends per share	7.00p	4.80p
Capital resources	£14,755m	£6,970m

First half 1993 over first half 1992 (which excluded Midland Bank):

- Pre-tax profit up 126% and attributable profit up 144%
- Pre-tax profit up 79% and attributable profit up 93% in Hong Kong dollars
- Earnings per share up 58%
- Total capital ratio 12.9% and tier 1 ratio 7.5%

"The performance of most members of the Group has been good. Our business in Hong Kong and in much of the rest of Asia has continued to benefit from strong economic growth in the region. Business conditions in the UK and US have been more difficult, but we are making progress.

The integration of Midland into the HSBC Group has proceeded satisfactorily. In the year since the acquisition, we have achieved synergy benefits, as anticipated, from both cost reductions and increased revenues. There is still much to be done, however, to ensure that our shareholders receive the full benefits of the merger.

The outlook for the world economy in the rest of 1993 is mixed. The recovery in the UK, US and Japan is expected to be slow and Europe remains in recession. Economic growth in much of Asia, however, is robust. Although in the short term the measures taken to reduce overheating in China's economy may have some impact on Hong Kong, it is likely to be modest. The longer term outlook for both Hong Kong and China remains good.

I regard the Group results for the first half of 1993 as encouraging and look forward with confidence to a satisfactory outcome for the year as a whole."

Sir William Purves, *Group Chairman*

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Mining giant loses ground tilting at windmill

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

WESTERN Mining Corporation, the great Australian mining group with an undoubted worldwide reputation, has been humbled by a windmill, a marked tree, and a handful of wooden lease pegs that fell over and became embedded in grass.

In a lengthy announcement, WMC explained how land pegging in 1974 in the Mt Fort Constantine area near Cloncurry, Queensland, by Savage Exploration landed up in the Australian courts this summer, where WMC faced allegations of misrepresentation, trespass, and fraud.

At issue was the Ernest Henry copper-gold property where, only ten days after entering an option agreement, WMC struck it rich — and with the first drill hole. But in drawing up the agreements, WMC had relied on information lodged with the Queensland Department of Mines that was incorrect.

The description of the area "relied on a distance and bearing from a windmill two miles to the west". That was wrong. So too was the "stated orientation of the rectangular one mile by half a mile lease, as defined by reference to a blazed tree".

WMC had, in effect, taken up options, strayed on to ground, and identified a deposit over which it had no rights. It later emerged that the true position as originally pegged was "some 850 metres north and rotated several degree anti-clockwise" from that shown on the map.

Savage instituted proceedings against WMC and Hunter in October, 1992, and the trial started July 5. On July 26, WMC settled out of court after hearing one of its exploration managers tell the court: "I made a decision not to disclose . . ." Asked if that had been dishonest, the manager said: "I think that is correct, yes".

WMC relinquished all claims and paid costs. It said the manager's answers remained "an enigma", and admitted that its good name has been damaged. No one is being dismissed, but there is now a code of conduct and certain officials are debarred from the senior officers' share plan for two years.

Ferruzzi chief warns banks on restructuring

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

FERRUZZI'S restructuring plan will include a capital increase, significant asset sales and refinancing of its mountain of debt, Guido Rossi, the new chairman, said.

Signor Rossi, appointed by creditors, told shareholders that the plan had reached an advanced stage and would be announced soon.

He gave a warning that the plan would require "significant sacrifices" from Italian and international creditor banks. However, banks should support the plan in an effort to preserve the struggling group and restore its tattered finances, he added.

"The interests of the banking system are convergent with the objective of restoring the group to financial health and the continuation of the group," Signor Rossi told a meeting of the group holding company. "The banks are collaborating actively with us."

Signor Rossi was appointed chairman of both Ferruzzi Finanziaria and Montedison, its industrial arm, when the main creditors took over the running of the heavily indebted group in June.

A group of creditor banks is drawing up a rescue package for Ferruzzi. The group called in its banks in June saying it could no longer keep up payments on debts of 28 trillion lire (£11.6 billion).

On Monday, investors in Montedison voted to sue Ferruzzi family members and former managers. The vote means management can ask the courts to declare Arturo Ferruzzi, a former company president and son of the founder, Carlo Sama, his brother-in-law, the heirs of another former Ferruzzi chief, Raul Gardini, and three former senior managers responsible for the group's losses.

Management has already won a court order to seize up to 500 billion lire in property and assets each from the five men and the Gardini heirs as a precautionary step ahead of any final court ruling on responsibility.

Arturo Ferruzzi and Sama blame the losses on the flamboyant Raul Gardini, who shot himself in July, hours before he was about to be arrested in Italy's sweeping corruption enquiry and with whom they broke in an acrimonious family split in 1991.

Laywers for the Ferruzzis, once one of Italy's richest families, say they will appeal against the sequester order.

Far East powers HSBC to £1.18bn

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

HSBC Holdings, Midland Bank's parent company, has raised pre-tax profits 126 per cent to £1,18 billion in the first half, helped by higher dealing profits, weakness in sterling and growth in Hong Kong, Britain and America.

HSBC bought Midland in the middle of last year. On a pro forma basis, the profits rise is 116 per cent. John Bond, HSBC's chief executive, said the integration of Midland is "proceeding satisfactorily", but added: "There is still much to be done before customers and shareholders receive the full benefits of the merger."

Due to the acquisition of Midland, the group's bad debts increased by £187 million to £447 million. Midland's provision was £330 million, which was offset by lower provisions from Hongkong Bank and a release of provisions from Marine Midland, its US bank.

HSBC has increased its interim dividend 46 per cent to 7p. Richard Delbridge, group finance director, said it is the bank's intention "to restore a more appropriate split between the interim and final dividends". Mr Bond dismissed concerns over the group's exposure to the Hong Kong property market, though he said it was going through a "healthy" levelling off period.

He said: "The residential market, especially on the luxury end, is due for a period of consolidation." Of the bank's assets in Hong Kong, 40 per cent is in property. Of this, 25 per cent is in residential mortgages and most of the rest is in investment properties, with a small proportion in development. Despite the current concerns, Mr Bond said that the bank sees a lot of future potential.

The Asia Pacific region is continuing to drive profits growth at HSBC, making up £769 million of group pre-tax profits, up 88 per cent on the first half of 1992. Europe contributed £349 million as a result of the acquisition of Midland. Profits from the Middle East and India rose 9 per cent to £51 million and the US contributed £8 million.

The effect of currency translation, given the weakness in the value of sterling, was to add £156 million to pre-tax profits. Dealing profits, at 14 per cent of total income, jumped £318 million to £522 million. Mr Bond said the improvement came more from interest rate positioning than foreign exchange dealing.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



Integration of Midland Bank into HSBC is proceeding satisfactorily, but much remains to be done, say Richard Delbridge, left, and John Bond

BM to float Australian business

BY CARL MORTISHED

BM GROUP, the engineering conglomerate, has taken a first step in climbing out from under a mountain of acquisition-related debt with the promised flotation in October of Austoft in Australia.

BM stands to earn A$36 million (£16.3 million) from the sale of Austoft, a leading manufacturer of sugar cane harvesting equipment, but it needs to sell more businesses to get its £100 million-plus of borrowings down to a manageable level.

The flotation proceeds and the waiver of £5 million of loans due from BM are in line with a restructuring plan agreed with bankers in March. They are expected to cut borrowings by £14 million.

Further disposals, including the group's interest in British Building & Engineering Appliances, are on the cards. On the current market price, BM's 75 per cent stake is worth more than £20 million.

BM is forecast to make losses of more than £30 million in the year to June. The balance sheet is strained, with gearing thought to be more than 100 per cent.

French offer bank in first state sale

THE French government put Banque Nationale de Paris up for sale yesterday in the first of 21 privatisations planned over the next five years.

If the government sells its entire 72.9 per cent stake in BNP, it could raise up to Fr30 billion. The privatisation of BNP will be the first of four in the short term. The others are Rhône-Poulenc, the pharmaceuticals and chemicals firm, Elf Aquitaine, the oil company, and Banque Hervet, a small retail bank.

Edouard Balladur, the French prime minster, has said he hopes to raise Fr40 billion this year. The value of all 21 companies has been estimated at about Fr360 billion.

The government has not yet set a date for the BNP sale, but it is likely to take place in the next few weeks. Edmond Alphandéry, the economy minister, yesterday said its role in the French economy made it an obvious first candidate. M Alphandéry was speaking at a conference to inaugurate the independent commission that will value state-controlled firms before their flotation.

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STOCK MARKET

Talk of Chef and Brewer deal puts Whitbread ahead

WHITBREAD stood out in an unsettled market place, with the A shares adding 10p at 544p and the B 3p at £11.08 as speculation grew that it might be about to buy the Chef and Brewer chain of managed public houses from **Grand Metropolitan**, its rival.

The story has been doing the rounds for some time, but was revived yesterday by Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, which has just published a strong buy recommendation on Whitbread.

Kleinwort pointed out that profits at **Whitbread** were the first among the big brewers to be hit by the recession. Since then, it has built up its retailing operations and relies less on the brewing side.

As a result, it is likely to be the first to benefit from any signs of recovery. The acquisition of Chef and Brewer would only accelerate this recovery. However, Chef and Brewer is estimated to have about 1,600 retail outlets, and it is thought Grand Metropolitan, up 2p at 460p, might prefer to break up the business and sell to several buyers.

Whitbread is now believed to be one of the biggest players in the fast growing eating-out market which. Kleinwort says, adds to its strengths and makes it less exposed to the depressed beer market.

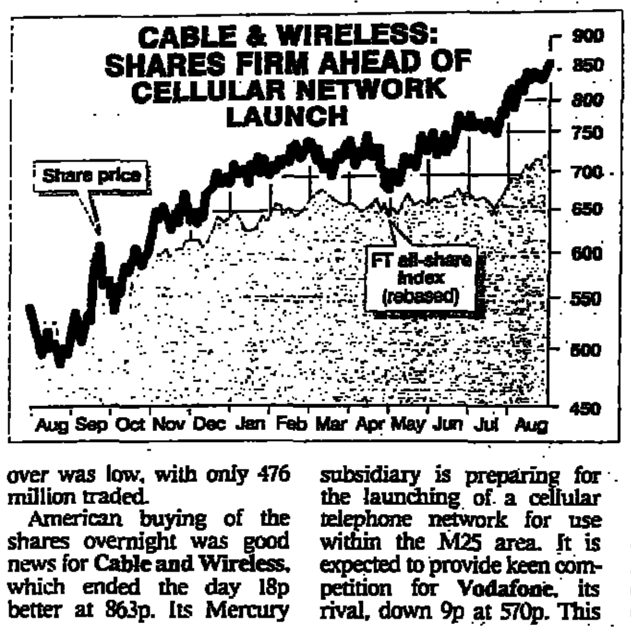
The beer price war is now starting to hurt other drinks companies. Beer production figures have been in steady decline in recent years, with prices continuing to rise. Analysts say that there is excess capacity in the industry.

Last week, James Capel cut its profits forecast for the current year and 1994 because of conditions in the market. Yesterday, **Allied-Lyons** fell 3p to 630p, **Scottish & Newcastle** eased 2p to 480p, and **Taunton Cider** slipped 4p to 215p.

The rest of the equity market enjoyed a futures-led mark-up as investors continued switching into the December series. But when Wall Street opened lower, prices failed to maintain the early pace and they closed with small losses on the day, much to the relief of hard-pressed market-makers.

The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 15 points at a new intra-trading high earlier in the day, eventually closed 0.6 below last week's record closing high at 3,100 exactly.

Brokers reported selective support for leading shares from the Continent, but turnover was low, with only 476 million traded.



American buying of the shares overnight was good news for **Cable and Wireless**, which ended the day 18p better at 863p. Its Mercury subsidiary is preparing for the launching of a cellular telephone network for use within the M25 area. It is expected to provide keen competition for **Vodafone**, its rival, down 9p at 570p. This has not gone unnoticed by the Americans, who award their telecommunications companies higher ratings than their British counterparts.

Pifco Holdings, the electrical consumer products group, attracted support after issuing proposals to subdivide its two-tier share structure. The 20p ordinary shares, up 9p at 570p, and the 20p A shares, 9p dearer at 550p, are to be divided into two shares each of 10p. Shareholders will be asked to vote on the move at the agm on September 21.

Michael Webber, the chairman, said that the move was intended to reduce the weight of the share price. "The overall rise in the price during recent years has been heartening, but has also created a situation where a price in excess of £5 has given the equity a heavy appearance in market terms". **HSBC** climbed 8p to 741p after weighing in with first-half figures showing pre-tax profits 126 per cent ahead at £831 million. Provisions for bad and doubtful debts grew from £260 million to £447 million.

Sir William Purves, the chairman, said that the outlook remained mixed, with the recovery in the British, US and Japanese economies expected to be slow while Europe remained in recession.

BM Group firmed 1p to 17½p after announcing plans to float off Austoft Holdings, its Australian subsidiary, on the Australian stock market. The sale of Austoft, which makes sugar cane harvesting equipment, is expected to raise about £16 million. Austoft will waive loans from BM totalling £5 million. In the oil sector, **Burmah Castrol** jumped 14p to 798p before Thursday's interim figures, which are expected to show net income up from £41.6 million to about £43.5 million. **Reed International** climbed 16p to 733p amid claims the group was looking to buy a US travel business.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** gilts struggled to find a new trading range as hopes of an imminent cut in interest rates faded further.

On the futures market, the December series of the long gilt firmed nine ticks to £114 as 31,000 contracts were completed. In longs, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** jumped £⅝ to £118¹/₁₆, while at the shorter end, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1996** was one tick firmer at £113¹¹/₃₂.

MICHAEL CLARK

Cookson buys into laminates

BY OUR CITY STAFF

COOKSON Group, the industrial materials group, is buying the printed circuit board laminates business of Sweden's Perstorp for £11.4 million.

Perstorp's operation is the second-largest electronic laminates supplier in Europe, with sales last year of £35 million from factories at Perstorp in Sweden and Nantes in France.

Under the deal, Perstorp will be entitled to 50 per cent of profits the operation makes for three years, after giving Cookson a 20 per cent return on its investment. The business's net asset value is £12 million after Perstorp discharged some £7 million of intra-group debt.

Cookson is paying £11.1 million now for 100 per cent of the French unit and 90 per cent of the Swedish one, and £300,000 for the remaining 10 per cent at the end of the year.

The deal takes Cookson's electronic materials division annual sales to more than £300 million. Last week, it bought Brent Chemicals International's electronic chemicals unit for £20 million.

Japanese find little cheer in latest economic indicators

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S latest economic indicators give little sign that the battered economy is reviving despite government stimulus measures.

Japan's industrial production in July decreased a preliminary 0.3 per cent from the previous month. It also dropped a preliminary 4.5 per cent from a year earlier, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Miti) said yesterday.

And because progress in Japan's inventory adjustment is stalling and trends in final demand are unclear, Japan's industrial production is likely to remain stagnant in the months to come, said Miti, now headed by Hiroshi Kumagai.

Industrial production is likely to have fallen further in August because many manufacturers have taken advantage of the summer holidays to cut production, said Yukihiko Shimada, an economist at Wako Research Institute of Economics.

There was no joy in July construction orders, either. Orders received by Japan's 50 major construction companies fell a sharp 33.6 per cent in July from a year earlier to 1.18 trillion yen (£7.56 billion), the sixth straight year-on-year decline, the construction ministry said.

Orders from the public sector fell 29.9 per cent to Y382 billion, it said. A ministry official said there were no signs yet of a recovery in construction orders.

The drop in public works orders, which are supposed to be leading the economy out of recession, was surprising, according to a report by Merrill Lynch and Co.

The drop seemed to confirm the popular belief that political scandals involving bribes from construction firms to politicians were responsible for a slowdown in public works orders.

Wako's Mr Shimada said: "The failure of the economic packages to stimulate the economy has proved that the current economic downturn is different from previous ones."

Japan's government adopted economic stimulus packages worth Y10.8 trillion and Y13.2 trillion last August and April respectively.

Many economists said housing starts for July were better than they had expected, but that they doubted the results alone pointed to an economic recovery.

Japan's housing starts rose 4.6 per cent in July from a year earlier to 137,340, the 14th month of year-on-year gains, according to the construction ministry.

However, Kazuya Fukuda, economist at Yasuda Research Institute, said: "One good indicator is not enough to convince us that Japan is going toward economic recovery.

"We have seen so many bad indicators such as leading indicators, household spending and department store sales."


Miti, headed by Hiroshi Kumagai, was not optimistic

VW attacks 'destabilisation' campaign

FROM A CORRESPONDENT


López: no warrant

VOLKSWAGEN moved swiftly to quash a German press report that José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, its controversial production chief, might be arrested soon. The car maker said the report was part of a campaign to "destabilise" it.

"Interested parties are creating a climate of uncertainty," Otto-Ferdinand Wachs, VW spokesman, said. He declined to name the parties.

VW repeated an offer to have talks with Adam Opel, General Motors' German subsidiary, on allegations that Señor López and other managers took company secrets with them when they left GM for VW in March. Señor López has repeatedly denied the charges.

The prosecutors' office investigating the allegations of industrial espionage denied the report in *Die Welt* yesterday that it was considering applying for a warrant for Señor Lopez's arrest.

The VW spokesman added: "For a long time, these parties have consciously been stirring up uncertainty to destabilise Herr López and also Volkswagen."

Georg Balsz, spokesman for the Darmstadt prosecutors' office, said the López case had not yet reached a stage at which his office would have to consider issuing an arrest warrant.

A judge will issue a warrant only if there is an immediate suspicion of crime, a risk that the suspect will flee or go into hiding or that a crime will be committed again. Herr Balsz said it made no legal sense to apply for a warrant at present.

Leyland DAF wins £7.5m deal

Leyland DAF Trucks, the newly formed truck marketing and sales company, has received an order for £7.5 million — the biggest since it emerged from receivership in June.

Transfleet Services has ordered 152 of the Leyland DAF 85 series 38-tonne tractor.

Rhino placing

Rhino, the computer and video games retailer that has the UK distribution licence for certain Jurassic Park merchandise, is to raise £850,000 through a share placing. Losses deepened in the six months to end-June from £150,000 to £263,000.

Filofax buy

Filofax, the personal organiser maker, has bought the distribution business of Waltraud Bethge of Germany for DM2 million. In 1992 the business produced sales of DM2.4 million and pre-tax profits of DM640,000.

Cronite sale

Victaulic has paid £1 million for Action Hose Couplings, of Hampshire, a maker of quick-release couplings used in the process industries. The seller is Cronite, a wholly owned subsidiary of AFE, the French engineering company.

Astec pays

The first interim dividend for three years — 0.25p — is being paid by Astec (BSR), the Hong Kong electronics group. Pre-tax profit for the half year to June was £4.3 million (£2.2 million).

Provisions depress Elf interims

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

ELF Aquitaine, the French state-owned oil and gas group that is likely to be privatised, incurred a one-off charge of 2.3 billion francs against declining asset values caused by the depressed oil price. The charge reduced attributable profits to Fr1.37 billion, from Fr3.34 billion, in the six months to the end of June.

Analysts said the charge was taken mainly against North Sea assets acquired by Elf from Occidental Petroleum two years ago. These were proving to be expensive, because of the slump in oil prices since the acquisition was completed.

The provisions, which were unexpected, were interpreted as a deck-clearing exercise by Philippe Jaffré, who took over as chairman last month, in readiness for privatisation early next year. However, the uncertain state of the oil market is considered a significant obstacle in the way of a sale of the company by the state.

Excluding the one-off writedown, operating profit fell 24 per cent in the period. The company had forecast a fall of 25 per cent. Refining and marketing results were better than expected, with a 35 per cent rise in operating profit, to Fr782 million. Chemicals results, however, were worse than had been predicted. Operating profits collapsed to Fr176 million, from Fr1.31 billion in the first half of 1992.

Elf said the writedown would not affect its dividend distribution capacity, and analysts agree. The company paid an unchanged Fr13 net in 1992.

WALL STREET

New York — Weakness in the bond market pulled down shares in mid-morning trading, but technology companies showed strength. Towards the end of the morning, the Dow Jones industrial average was 3.36 points down at 3,640.6.

Tokyo — Institutional profit-taking shaved early gains. The Nikkei index ended at 21,026.60, up 234.92. (*Reuter*)

	Aug 31 midday	Aug 30 close
AMP Inc	64⅝	64⅝
AMR Corp	67½	66⅞
Abbott Labs	26⅜	26⅜
Aetna Life	59⅜	59⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅜	19½
Air Prod & Chem	43⅝	43⅜
Albertson's	55⅝	55
Alcan Aluminum	20⅜	20⅞
Alco Standard	45⅞	45⅝
Allied Signal	74½	74
Alum Co of Am	75⅜	75½
Amax	24⅛	24⅞
Amerada Hess	52½	52⅞
Amer Brands	31⅛	31⅛
Amer Cyanamid	54⅝	54⅝
Amer El Power	38⅜	38⅜
Amer Express	32½	32⅛
Amer Genl Corp	34⅞	35
Amer Home Pr	64⅛	64⅝
Amer Intl	97¼	95⅜
Amer Stores	45⅜	44⅜
Amer T & T	62⅝	62⅝
Ameritech	86⅜	86⅜
Amoco	55⅜	55⅞
Anheuser-Busch	47¼	47⅜
Apple Computer	26⅞	26
Archer Daniels	22¼	22⅜
Arkla	8⅝	8⅞
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrong Wrld	38½	37¼
Asarco	19⅞	19⅜
Ashland Oil	33⅜	32⅝
Atl Richfield	115⅝	116⅛
Auto Data Pro	48⅞	48⅜
Avery Dennison	26⅜	26⅛
Avon Products	59	58⅛
Baker Hughes	27¼	27⅜
Baltim Gas & El	27¼	27¼
Banc One	52⅛	52⅛
BankAmerica	47	47
Bank of NY	52⅝	52⅞
Bankers Tr NY	79⅜	79⅜
Barnett Banks	45⅝	45⅞
Bausch & Lomb	48	47⅝
Baxter Intl	26⅝	26⅝
Becton Dickinsn	37⅞	37½
Bell Atlantic	63⅝	63⅛
BellSouth	58⅜	58⅜
Black & Decker	20⅞	21
Block (H&R)	40⅝	40⅛
Boeing	39⅛	39
Boise Cascade	21⅛	21⅞
Borden Inc	16⅛	17
Bristol Myrs Sq	56⅜	56⅛
Browning Ferris	24⅜	23⅞
Burlington Nthn	54	54
CBS	247	245½
CNA Financial	86⅜	86½
CPC Intl	44⅛	45
CSX	78⅞	78⅜
Campbell Soup	39⅛	39⅜
Can Pacific	15⅜	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	506⅜	508⅞
Cptl Holdings	43⅞	42⅞
Carolina Pwr	33⅞	33⅞
Caterpillar	81⅛	81⅛
Central & SW	33	33
Champion Intl	32½	32⅝
Chase Manhat	34	34⅞
Chemical Bk	39⅜	40⅜
Chevron Corp	92⅞	92⅛
Chrysler	42⅛	43⅞
Chubb Corp	87⅞	88⅛
Cigna Corp	64⅛	65½
Citicorp	32⅞	33
Clorox	52⅞	52⅞
Coastal Corp	29	29⅛
Coca Cola	43	43⅜
Colgate-Palmolive	51⅛	51⅛
Columbia Gas	24⅜	24⅞
Commonw Ed	30	29⅞
Compaq Comp	53⅜	52⅞
Comp Ass Intr	30⅜	30⅛
Conagra	24⅞	24⅛
Cons Edison	36⅜	36⅞
Cons Nat Gas	54⅜	55
Cons Rail	53⅝	53⅞
Cooper Inds	51⅛	51½
Corning Inc	31⅛	31⅛
Crown Cork	35⅛	34
Dana Corp	54⅞	54½
Dayton Hudson	66⅞	66⅞
Deere	73⅜	74
Delta Air Lines	54⅛	53½
Deluxe Corp	36⅛	36⅜
Detroit Edison	35⅞	35⅞
Digital Equip	41⅞	41⅞
Dillard Dept St	36	37⅛
Disney (Walt)	39⅜	39⅞
Dominion Res	47⅝	47⅜
Donelley (RR)	30⅞	30⅞
Dover Corp	52⅜	52⅜
Dow Chemicals	58⅜	59⅜
Dow Jones	31⅛	31⅜
Dresser	23⅜	22⅞
Duke Power	42⅜	42⅜
Dun & Bradstreet	62⅜	62⅜
Du Pont	48⅜	48⅜
Eastman Kodak	60⅝	61
Eaton Corp	49⅞	49⅞

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Emerson Elec	61	60⅞
Engelhard Corp	40⅞	41
Enron Corp	35	35⅜
Entergy Corp	39⅜	39⅜
Ethyl Corp	18⅜	18⅜
Exxon	65⅜	65⅜
FMC Corp	49⅜	49⅜
FPL Group	39⅜	39⅜
Federal Express	59⅜	59⅜
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅜	78⅜
First Chicago	45	45
First Interstate	61⅜	61⅜
First Union Rty	10⅜	10⅜
Fleet Finl Grp	30⅜	30⅜
Fluor Corp	45	44⅞
Ford Motor	50⅜	51⅛
GTE Corp	36⅜	36⅜
Gannett	51⅛	51⅛
Gap Inc Del	28⅜	28⅞
Gen Dynamics	94⅜	94⅜
Gen Electric	98⅜	98⅞
Gen Mills	62⅜	62⅜
Gen Motors	46⅜	47
Gen Reinsurance	132	131⅛
Gen Signal	32⅜	33½
Genuine Parts	37⅜	37⅜
Georgia Pac	64	63½
Gillette	53⅜	53⅜
Glaxo ADR	17⅜	17⅜
Goodrich (BF)	47⅜	47⅜
Goodyear Tire	41⅜	41⅛
Grace (WR)	39⅜	39⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28⅜	28⅜
Great Wstn Fin	17⅜	17⅜
Halliburton	39⅜	39⅜
Harcourt General	42	42⅜
Heinz (HJ)	37⅜	37⅞
Hercules	86⅜	85⅞
Hershey Foods	47⅜	47⅜
Hewlett Packard	74	73⅞
Hilton Hotels	45⅜	45⅞
Home Depot	41⅜	41⅛
Homestake Mng	19⅜	19⅞
Honeywell	38⅜	38
Household Intl	77	76⅜
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	12⅜	12⅜
ITT Corp	93⅜	93⅜
Illinois Tool	40⅜	39⅜
INCO	20⅞	20⅞
Ingersoll Rand	37⅜	37⅞
Inland Steel	27⅜	27⅜
Intel Corp	63⅞	64
IBM	45⅜	44⅜
Intl Flav & Fr	114⅜	114
Intl Paper	65⅜	65⅜
James River Va	21⅜	21⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40⅞	40⅜
K Mart	23	23⅜
Kellogg	51⅜	51⅛
Kerr-McGee	55⅜	55⅜
Kimberly-Clark	49	48⅜
Knight-Ridder	55	54⅜
Lilly (Eli)	47⅜	48
Limited Inc	23⅜	22⅜
LIN Brdcstng	117⅜	117
Lincoln Nat	44⅜	45⅛
Litton	66	65⅞
Liz Claiborne	23⅜	23⅜
Lockheed Corp	63⅞	62⅜
Louisiana Pac	36⅜	35⅜
MCI Commun	27⅜	27⅜
Marriott	28⅜	28⅜
Marsh & McLnn	89⅜	90⅜
Masco Corp	31⅜	31
May Dept St	41⅜	41
Maytag Corp	17	17⅜
McCaw Cellular	57⅜	57
McDonalds	54⅜	54⅞
McDonnell D	80⅜	80⅞
McGraw Hill	66⅞	68⅜
Mead Corp	47⅜	47⅛
Medtronic	64	63⅜
Mellon Bk	57⅛	57⅜
Melville Corp	47	46⅜
Merck Inc	31⅜	31⅛
Merrill Lynch	96⅜	96
Minnesota Mine	109⅜	109⅜
Mobil Corp.	77⅜	77⅞
Monsanto	65⅜	66
Morgan (JP)	74⅜	75⅜
Motorola Inc	96⅜	96⅜
Natl Medical	8⅜	7⅜
Natl Semi	18⅞	18⅜
Natl Service Ind	25⅜	25⅜
Navistar Int	23⅜	23⅜
NBD Bancorp	32⅜	32⅜
NY Times A	24⅜	24
Newmont Mng	50⅜	50⅜
Niag Mohawk	24⅜	24⅜
Nike B	54⅜	53⅜
NL Industries	5	5⅜
Nordstrom	31	31⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	68⅜	69
Nthn State Pwr	47	46⅜
Norwest Corp	26⅜	26⅜
Nynex Corp	91⅜	91⅜
Occidental Pet	21⅜	21⅛
Ohio Edison	25⅜	25⅞
Oracle Systems	30⅜	30⅜

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Oryx Energy Co	23⅞	23⅜
Owens Corning	42½	42⅞
PNC Financial	30	30
PPG Industries	67⅜	67⅞
Paccar Inc	62½	63
Pacificorp	20	19⅜
Pac Enterprises	26⅛	26⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	36	35⅜
Pac Telesis	54⅜	54⅜
Pall Corp	17⅜	17⅜
Panhandle East	26⅛	26
Paramnt Comm	55⅜	55⅜
Parker Hannifin	33⅜	33⅞
Penney (JC)	43⅞	44⅜
Pennzoil	70	70⅞
Pepsico	39⅜	39⅜
Pfizer	63⅞	63⅜
Phelps Dodge	47	47
Philadel Elec	32⅜	32⅜
Philip Morris	48⅜	48⅜
Phillips Pet	32⅜	32⅜
Pitney Bowes	40⅞	40⅞
Polaroid	38⅞	38⅜
Price Co	37⅞	37⅜
Primerica	43	43⅛
Procter & Gmbl	47⅜	47⅞
Pub Serv E & G	36	36⅛
Quaker Oats	66½	67
Ralston Purina	37⅜	37⅜
Raychem Corp	40½	40⅜
Raytheon	63	62⅛
Reebok Ind	24	23½
Reynolds Metals	51⅛	52
Roadway Srvcs	59⅜	58⅞
Rockwell Intl	36⅛	36⅛
Rohm & Haas	54⅛	54⅛
Royal Dutch	100⅜	100⅞
Rubbermaid	32⅜	32⅜
Safeco Corp	64⅞	64⅛
St Paul's Cos	91	90½
Salomon Inc	50⅞	49⅜
Santa Fe Pac	18⅜	18⅛
Sara Lee Corp	25½	26⅛
Scecorp	25	24⅜
Schering Plough	61⅛	60⅞
Schlumberger	66⅞	66⅛
Scott Paper	34⅜	34⅛
Seagram	27½	27½
Sears Roebuck	54⅛	54⅞
Shell Trans	60⅜	61⅛
Sherwin Wlms	33⅜	33⅞
Skyline Corp	17⅜	17⅜
Snap-On-Tools	41⅞	41⅛
Southern Co	44⅞	44⅛
Sthwestern Bell	45⅜	45⅞
Sprint Corp	37	37
Stanley Works	41⅛	42⅞
Sun Company	28⅞	28⅞
Suntrust	43	43⅛
Supervalu	36⅜	36½
Syntex Corp	18⅜	18⅛
Sysco Corp	29	29
TRW Inc	64⅛	64⅛
Tandem Comp	9⅜	9
Tandy Corp	30	30
Telecom Corp	3½	3⅞
Teledyne	24⅜	24⅞
Temple Inland	43⅜	43⅜
Tenneco	53⅜	54
Texaco	64⅛	64⅛
Texas Inst	80⅜	80
Texas Utilities	47⅜	48½
Textron	57⅜	57½
Time Warner	41⅛	41⅞
Times-Mirror	31⅛	31¼
Timken	33	33⅞
Torchmark	57⅜	57⅜
Toys R Us	36⅞	37
Transamerica	59	59½
Travelers Corp	33⅜	34⅛
Tribune	51⅛	50⅜
Tyco Labs	46⅜	45½
UAL Corp	147⅜	145⅞
UST Inc	27⅜	27⅜
USX Marathon	20⅞	20⅞
Unilever NV	107½	105⅜
Union Camp	44⅛	45
Union Carbide	18⅜	18⅛
Union Pacific	66⅞	65⅞
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	16⅛	16⅛
USF&G Corp	18⅜	18⅞
US Life	42⅜	42⅞
US West	46⅜	46⅜
United Tech	56½	57⅜
Unocal Corp	29⅜	29⅜
Upjohn	27⅜	27⅞
VF Corp	46⅞	46⅜
WMX Tech	32⅛	30⅜
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅞	25⅜
Warner-Lambert	70⅜	70⅜
Wells Fargo	116⅞	116⅛
Westinghouse El	15⅜	15⅞
Weyerhaeuser	40⅞	40⅜
Whirlpool	65½	65⅜
Whitman	14⅛	14⅜
Winn Dixie	60⅜	60⅜
Woolworth	25⅜	25⅜
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	40⅞	41
Xerox	73⅜	73⅞

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

L Joseph	378p (+15p)
Close Bros	432p (+11p)
JA Devenish	404p (+12p)
Greenalls Group	392p (+16p)
Whitbread 'A'	544p (+10p)
Inchcape	591p (+11p)
ICI	714p (+16p)
Admiral	470p (+10p)
Chesterfield	438p (+10p)
Burmah Castrol	798p (+13p)
Pearson	504p (+11p)
Johnstone Press	573p (+12p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	331p (+18p)
Takeda Chem	842p (+16p)
Liberty Life	955p (+10p)
Refuge	998p (+10p)
Airtours	412p (+13p)
Euro Disney	688p (+20p)

FALLS:

J Laing	299p (-9p)
Smithkline	444p (-17p)
Mitel	408p (-21p)
Macro 4	640p (-10p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	101	+2
Bakyrchik (120)	133	...
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	184	+½
EFM Small Comp Tst	100	...
EFM Small Comp Wts	54	...
Explaura A	4½	-½
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	156	...
Flying Flowers (65)	82	...
For & Col Special Inc	69	-1
For & Col Spl Capital	45	-1
For & Col Spl Units	114	-1
Lazard Hi Inc Tst (100)	111	-2
Martin Currie Pac Wts	64	...
Raglan Warrants	30	+2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Business Tech n/p (10)	4	...
Cussins Prop n/p (75)	20	...
North Fine Foods n/p (8)	3	...
Sedgwick n/p (165)	22	-1
Villiers n/p (10½)	½	...
Wilton n/p (1)	½	...

Prices blow for MIM

BY OUR CITY STAFF

MIM Holdings, the Australian mining group that has extensive interests in Britain and Europe, said metal prices deteriorated in the 12 months ended June 27 and that the year's net profit from operations fell from A$87 million to A$35.1 million (£38 million).

In the fourth quarter, MIM ran up a pre-tax operating loss because of a further fall in metal prices. The group made a writedown of A$150 million against its German smelting assets.

Net profit after abnormal items and exchange rate differences was A$74 million (A$106.3 million). The year's total dividend is maintained at 5 cents a share.

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PROPOSED SCHEME OF CHARGES IN RESPECT OF DISCHARGES TO CONTROLLED WATERS

Notice is hereby given that the National Rivers Authority proposes to make a scheme pursuant to its powers under The Water Resources Act 1991 requiring the payment of charges on an application for or on the imposition of a consent to discharge into controlled waters and of annual charges where a discharge is made to controlled waters pursuant to such a consent.

The proposed scheme will replace the charges scheme made on 1 July 1991.

Representations and objections to the proposals may be made to the Secretary of State for the Environment at:
Department of the Environment
Room A401 Romney House
43 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3PY
before 31 October 1993

A copy of the proposed scheme may be obtained free of charge by writing to:
PO Box No. 1461
National Rivers Authority
550 Streetsbrook Road
Solihull, West Midlands B91 1QT
or inspected free of charge at any NRA Regional Office

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TO PLACE ALL YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE CALL DEBRA GYNN
TEL: 071-782 7344 or FAX: 071-481 9313

MIM HOLDINGS LIMITED
ACN 009 814 019
410 ANN STREET
BRISBANE,
QUEENSLAND
AUSTRALIA 4000

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article 49 of the Company's Articles of Association, that at the Annual General Meeting of the Company on November 9, 1993 at Brisbane, Australia an election of Directors shall be held.

D.M. Munro
Secretary and General Counsel

A H Thorne Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 198614
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, Baker Street, London W1 on 23 September 1993 at 10.30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

A form of proxy is enclosed which, if it to be used at the meeting, must be completed in accordance with the guidance notes provided thereon and lodged at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA not later than 12.00 hrs on 22 September 1993.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers not later than 12.00 hrs on 22 September 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Dated: 24 August 1993
S E Dayman
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
TELLINGS PLC
Registered Number: 1047417. Nature of business: Construction. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment receivers: 19 August 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Norman Spratt and Alan John Barrett. Office holder nos: 6278 and 1095. Address: Price Waterhouse Thames Court 1 Victoria Street Windsor Berkshire SL4 1HB

No. 005081 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF ISA INTERNATIONAL plc
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 21 July 1993 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 24 August 1993.
DATED this 1st day of September 1993.
Hammond Suddards (Ref: BGL)
Empire House 10 Piccadilly
BRADFORD BD1 3LR

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up Creditors
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
To the Registrar of Companies
Company Number: 2587857
Name of Company: Stewart Services Ltd
Nature of Business: Haulage Contractors. I give notice that I have been appointed Liquidator of the above company on 27 August 1993. The appointment was by the Members & Creditors. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary. Name of Liquidator: R A Segal. Office holder no: 002686. Address: Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Date: 27 August 1993

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
WATER-PROCESS PLANT SUPPLY LIMITED
Registered number: 1711547. Nature of business: Distribution of processing plant. Trade classification: 07. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 25 August 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: M D Gerrie & P N Spratt (office holder nos: 2360 and 6278). Address: Price Waterhouse Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street Redhill Surrey RH1 1RX.

SALES PROMOTION AND MERCHANDISING LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered number: 733274.
Former company name: Mayland Merchandising Limited. Nature of business: Advertising. Trade classification: 30. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 20th August 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos. 2306 & 6820) of Booth White, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BAMFORD nee SUSSUM, CORA BAMFORD nee SUSSUM WIDOW late of Earith, Cambridgeshire died there on 8 December 1992
(Estate about £100,000)
CAREY, SIDNEY CAREY late of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk died there on 20 April 1993
(Estate about £18,000)
FARRELL, JOHN PATRICK FARRELL late of New Cross, London SE14 died at Lewisham, London SE13 on 6 October 1989
(Estate about £50,000)
GOLDSTON, BASIL GOLDSTON late of Edmonton, London N18 died there on 8 April 1993
(Estate about £65,000)
GUNNER formerly REID nee MARVELL, PHYLLIS GUNNER formerly REID nee MARVELL WIDOW late of Rhyl, Clwyd died there on 17 June 1992
(Estate about £25,000)
HALL, CYRIL HALL late of Selsey, West Sussex died at Chichester, West Sussex on 8 November 1992
(Estate about £8,000)
HIPKISS, LESLIE KENNETH HIPKISS late of Hereford died there on 21 January 1992
(Estate about £5,000)
HUMBY, CONSTANCE EMMELINE MATILDA HUMBY SPINSTER late of Mill Hill, London NW7 died there on 26 January 1991
(Estate about £11,600)
WHITE, WILLIAM GEORGE WHITE late of Tutbury, Staffordshire died at Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire on 16 June 1949
(Estate about £26,000)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

Raising the stakes to gain a better oil deal for Azerbaijan

A wealthy middle man is digging into his own pockets to help the land of his birth benefit from the wealth beneath the Caspian sea.

Carl Mortished reports



Marat Manafov, the Slovak businessman heading the negotiations with a Western consortium

A consortium of eight oil companies headed by BP is locked in negotiations with Azerbaijan to extract the wealth hidden beneath the Caspian Sea. But the man negotiating in London on behalf of Heidar Aliyev, the Azerbaijani strongman, is not the head of the Baku oil company nor a state employee. He is a wealthy Azerbaijani-born Slovak with a colourful history and a canny way with percentages and calculators.

Azerbaijanis voted against Abulfez Elchibey, their former leader, in a referendum at the weekend, leaving the political future of their battle-scarred country in the hands of Mr Aliyev, who seized control in June. But the prospects for Azerbaijan, wracked by war and the rundown of its creaking Russian-built oil industry, look bleak.

The country badly needs new investment. But few of the seven million Azerbaijanis will be aware that their hope for future prosperity is in the hands of Marat Manafov, 35, a middleman who looks at home in the plush surroundings of his £800 a night suite in the Savoy hotel.

He is in London to hire oil consultants to help him to secure a better deal for Azerbaijan than that obtained previously by Sacor, the national oil company. Talks were broken off after the Aliyev coup, but Dr Manafov believes that the production-sharing agreement was never satisfactory anyway.

"The project was very favourable to the companies and not favourable to Azerbaijan" he said. "These negotiations have gone on too long. I would like to warn the companies that they have got to concentrate on the commercial points of the deal and they should not get involved in politics."

If Dr Manafov appears suspicious of the motives of certain parties in the negotiations, that fits well in the cloak and dagger world of oil deals in the former Soviet Union. And he has had some encounters with unorthodox business dealings in a previous occupation.

He left Azerbaijan to make his career, at first as a geologist, then in the Russian criminal police force. He worked in Tyumen, an oil-rich town in Siberia, investigating corruption, but came into conflict with his superiors in Moscow who, he says, were less than supportive of his enquiries into the activities of certain officials.

"The phone did not stop ringing with threats. When I was not at home, my wife slept in the same bed with my two children and a gun."

Dr Manafov has become wealthy since leaving Russia. He has a company based in Slovakia, where he is a citizen, but also claims a factory in Istanbul, several hotels, and says he has acted as "middleman" in oil and gas deals around the world.

In Azerbaijan, the Western consortium, which includes Statoil, Amoco, Unocal, Pennzoil, Ramco, McDermott and the Turkish Petroleum Corporation, has agreed to work together on a production-sharing contract to exploit the 4.5 billion barrels of oil in the Azeri, Chirag and Guneshi oilfields.

A typical production-sharing contract divides each barrel of oil into components of cost and profit to each party, and Dr Manafov is seeking a larger profit share for Azerbaijan. Under the deal negotiated with Socar, he explained, the consortium was to receive 25 per cent of the profits, with Azerbaijan taking the balance.

Dr Manafov wants to cut back the consortium's share to 15 per cent and points to recent PSC's in Southeast Asia as precedents. "In Indonesia, the terms were quite similar" he said. He believes the consortium has accepted the lower share.

BP will not comment on the state of the negotiations. But the consortium will certainly be alive to political as well as economic risks. Even the route of the pipeline needed to export the oil from Azerbaijan is contentious. A route north to the Black Sea, thought to be favoured by the Aliyev government, which is perceived to be more pro-Russian, is opposed by the Turkish member of the consortium. The two alternatives routes end in Turkey, providing its government with transit fees, but pass through troubled areas of the country near Armenia or south through Iran where rebels are opposing the Azerbaijan government.

A key point of dispute is likely to be the signature bonus. Agreements to share oil profits with governments in the Third World traditionally include large incentives payable when the agreements are executed. About £70 million to be paid to Azerbaijan is being held in escrow since the collapse of the previous talks.

Dr Manafov intends to raise the stakes. He said: "We are asking for $400 million of signature bonus. Today, a letter is being drafted about this money." He is confident of reaching an agreement, but hints that there are other options.



Aliyev: came to power in coup

"I believe we are going to find common ground, but if we cannot, and the project is taking too long due to some company in the consortium, Azerbaijan retains the right to exclude some companies that are slowing down the progress. We can continue negotiations with those companies prepared to find common ground, or, in the worst case, with a different consortium"

Dr Manafov initially rejected several requests to return to Azerbaijan. "I didn't like the government" he said. But the recent change of regime and a friendship with a member of parliament persuaded him to help the government of Mr Aliyev, a former communist and, at one time, member of the Politburo.

"The history of Azerbaijan proves that to keep the situation stable, Azerbaijan needs a strong leader," Dr Manafov said. Faced with further military setbacks with Armenia and political pressure from both Turkey and Russia, Azerbaijan could benefit from effective leadership, but it also needs cash and signatures on a successful oil deal that would provide money now and in the future.

For his part, Dr Manafov has agreed to finance the negotiations, including fees to consultants, out of his own pocket on condition that he is given complete independence. "I want to help Azerbaijan" he explained. "And as a businessman, this project is very interesting to me."

TEMPUS

The mystic East

FORTUNE has favoured HSBC Holdings since it bought Midland Bank last summer. While HSBC priced its bid on the assumption that it could leverage off recovery in the British economy and the fall in Midland's bad debt charge, it could not have foreseen the benefits of the pound's devaluation nor the intense activity in the securities and currency markets, which enhanced dealing profits from its enlarged treasury operations.

The effects of the merger, currency movements and exceptional items, such as last year's £270 million profit on the sale of the Cathay Pacific stake, make comparisons almost impossible. But the group's key statistics, a 20 per cent return on capital, a cost/income ratio of less than 60 per cent, and a core capital ratio of 7.5 per cent, are all more than creditable — which is no more than the stock market anticipated in its scramble for HSBC shares earlier in the year.

In future, HSBC must learn to trade under less favourable circumstances. Management remains sanguine about the economic clampdown in China, but it will inevitably wash back on the Hong Kong property market and bad debts will rise. Provisions at Midland and Marine Midland do not have much further to fall, so profit growth is likely to be more restrained. Dealing profits should fall as financial markets quieten.

Somehow, HSBC must maintain its forward momentum as life becomes more difficult. Under such pressure, underperforming subsidiaries will have to improve. Marine Midland in New York state is still making an unacceptable 6 per cent return on capital in spite of the economic recovery. HSBC believes, however, that the route to better returns is through acquisition, rather than disposal.

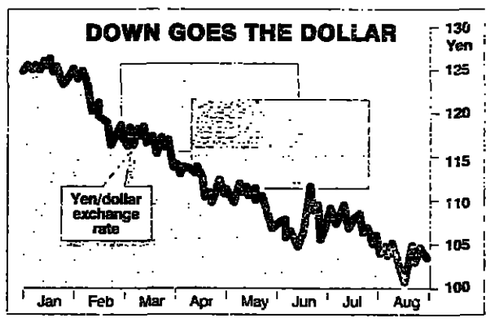
At 734p, HSBC's shares trade on less than 12 times current year earnings. Until the group proves it can consolidate such an excellent first-half performance, the market is understandably cautious.

The dollar

THE upward revision of America's second-quarter GDP growth to 1.8 per cent confirms other indications that its economy is recovering faster than believed. Bulls in the bond market tried to play down the figures, but the rate of growth, even though it was assisted by rising corporate stockpiles and government spending, makes it hard to justify any further fall in interest rates. If the growth figures are supplemented by optimistic forecasts in the administration's mid-year review, published today, the outlook for the dollar will look brighter than it has all year.

Not before time. The dollar has been falling steeply against the yen all year, and now appears undervalued on any comparison of the purchasing power of the two currencies, which suggest Y120 as a more realistic rate in the medium term.

With hindsight, it appears that the turning point for the dollar occurred two weeks ago, when it fell to Y100.4, but failed to fall through the 100 level. A dollar rally will be hastened if the new Japanese government issues a further package of fiscal stimuli and measures to tackle the trade surplus. The yen will also weaken if the Bank of Japan makes the predicted half-point cut in the official discount rate to 2 per cent. All this, together with the chance that mild inflationary pressures may re-emerge in America in the autumn, suggests that the dollar will continue to recover lost ground.



BM Group

ANY disposal that BM Group makes at a sensible price is encouraging and the new management is doing what it can to bring the group's finances on to a more sensible footing after the acquisition-driven expansion of the previous regime.

If Austoft is spun off on schedule in October and a sale of the British Building & Engineering Appliances stake is achieved near to market price, BM can reduce its debt by perhaps £36 million. Further disposals planned, including the construction equipment distributors, should push total disposal proceeds above £40 million.

That could take borrowings down to a more manageable £60 million but BM's new chairman, Moger Woolley, cannot be relishing the task that was thrust on him after the departure, due to illness, of his forerunner Roger Shute in July last year. His loss caused the market to take fright and the company lost almost three-quarters of its market value as the share price plunged from a high of more 400p. Subsequent announcements revealed fundamental weaknesses in the company, which paid an exorbitant price for Thomas Robinson, its last deal.

Mr Woolley wants to take BM back to its UK engineering businesses. At the height of the boom such businesses might have been earning margins of up to 10 per cent but recession and Far Eastern competition will have taken their toll. For the moment, BM's priority is not profits, but cash.

Gilts

LITTLE wonder that the Bank of England felt confident enough to forgo a gilt-edged auction in August. The strong rise in the market allowed the Bank to arrange tap issues worth £3.5 billion during the month, more than enough to compensate for its summer holiday. The taps met with solid demand throughout the month. Yesterday the three issued on Friday, worth £800 million, had already sold out.

Inadvertantly or not, the Bank did much to engineer the tremendous rally in gilts last month. Its decision not to hold an auction left the market feeling that it was short of stock, while its announcement two weeks ago that it was more than half-way through the current year's issuing programme removed any lingering fears of a funding crisis. By chance, the positive outlook on inflation in the August quarterly bulletin helped dampen any inflationary worries too.

Whether it is due to good fortune or careful planning, the Bank can meet the remainder of the funding requirement at a more leisurely pace and at substantially lower rates than when it started in April, provided that neither the Chancellor nor the the retail prices index do anything to upset the market's warm glow.

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All in the family at BNP

BANQUE Nationale de Paris, that grand old dame of French banks, is to be privatised, jumping the queue ahead of Rhône-Poulenc, Elf and the Hervet Banque. And the choice of Lazard Frères as adviser on the imminent float has caused quite a buzz down in Paris bars. It just so happens that the merchant bank numbers among its staff one Jerome Balladur, the son, no less, of Edouard, the French prime minister. A coincidence indeed — and there is more. Lazards' chairman, Michel David-Weill, has delegated managerial responsibility concerning the BNP float to Jean-Marie Messier, one of his top managers. Messier should know what he is doing since he was at the French finance ministry from 1986 to 1988, assisting the minister of the day with the technical aspects of the previous privatisation programme. The minister of the day? Edouard Balladur.

Carpet bagged

AS IT recovers from record bad debts and last year's losses, Barclays has rediscovered the virtue of thrift. The bank is planning to re-use its old boardroom carpet to fit out its new offices in Lombard Street, which are nearing completion. The carpet was rescued by crane from the old headquarters when the building was being torn down three years ago and has been lying in storage ever since. Barclays is particularly fond of the carpet, which was made especially for the bank and is said still to have a lot of wear left in it. Just one problem. It will not fit into the new boardroom. Cutting the fabled cloth is out of the question, so Barclays' planners will just have to find a room big enough to take it.

Out in the cold

IAIN Vallance and his team at BT have fallen on the wrong side of one of the City's elder statesmen. Richard Bradshaw, a stockbroker of 40 years' standing, was dismayed to discover that he had been left out of the phone book for the past two years, in spite of renting five BT lines at his Gresham Street offices. Suitably enraged, he telephoned BT, which informed him he would not appear until the next edition comes out in April 1994. Waving the olive branch, they offered him a rent rebate of £63, then compensation of £120, but Bradshaw will have none of it. "You hear of stockbrokers being struck out because they are sent to prison or declared bankrupt, but I've never heard of one being left out like this," says Bradshaw, who created an uproar 20 years ago when he proposed that women be admitted to membership of the Stock Exchange. Ominously for BT, his ancestor, Judge Bradshaw, signed Charles the First's death warrant.



"... and watch out for takeover bids"

Sutch a sight

SCREAMING Lord Sutch, the ever-hopeful fringe politician, has dreamt up his most radical scheme to date. He wants to divide London into north and south by building a massive wall in a Berlin-style exercise. The 24-mile-long "Great Wall of London" would stretch from Woolwich in the east to Kew in the west. Why build it? Jobs, says Sutch. The project would give a lift to the construction industry, bring the tourists flocking and create jobs at the various checkpoints between the sectors. But haven't the City's planners thought of that already?

Wages of SIB

THE search is on. Headhunters are on the trail of the man or woman who will lead the Securities and Investments Board's new supervision division. Whoever gets this job will have one of the most significant roles in the SIB's new management structure, announced to the world last week. The chosen one will have the unenviable task of prodding junior regulators into action to fight financial fraud and changing the SIB's image from that of soft pussycat to terrifying enforcer. Not surprisingly, there is no one internally who fits the bill. Surely such a valuable employee will command a high salary? Apparently not. "People don't come to a regulator to earn high salaries," says an SIB spokeswoman wearily.

Oil canvas

SMITH New Court has begun rebuilding its oils team after Steve Turner's and Nick Clayton's highly publicised defection to Nomura. First in the door is Rod Maclean, who joins as oil analyst from UBS. Maclean, 37, worked as an engineer with BP and Amoco during the eighties before signing up with UBS in 1991, after a spell with Samuel Montagu.

School lunches

HERE is a challenge few brash City dealers will be able to resist. All next week, Grinling Gibbons of Carter Lane, part of City Court Restaurants, will celebrate the start of the new school term by serving free lunch to anyone who arrives at the door ... dressed in full school uniform. The rub? You get served a typical school menu — stew and dumplings, spotted dick and lumpy custard, bread and water, you get the idea ...

SIR Ian MacLaurin, the so-called "Bionic Man" who runs Tesco — he had a hip joint replaced three years ago — has nabbed Frances Elliott from Thorn EMI as his new director of public affairs. She joins in October, taking over from Peter Stephens who is retiring.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTER

Names not trying to destroy Lloyd's

From the Chairman of Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party

Sir, I am sorry to have to tell Mr Mellersh (August 27) that his facts are woefully incorrect. A considerable sum has been spent centralising records of names in the action groups in order to make sure we have a central list with no duplications.

At the last update there were over 17,500 individual names involved. In the last few weeks many hundreds of names have joined existing and new action groups. Many of these already belong to one or more groups. Many are new names, joining for the first time. None of these new names is included in the central list yet. We hope to complete another update by the middle of this month. I am confident there are now over 19,000 individuals involved and suspect the update will show around 20,000.

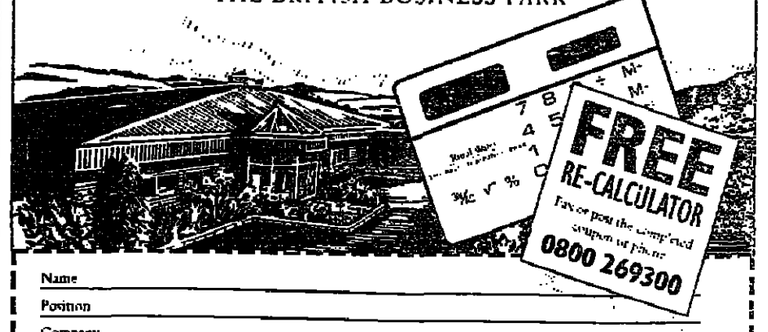
This is not just "the Militant Tendency". Names are seriously damaged by their involvement with Lloyd's and are seeking just compensation for the admitted wrongs that have been done to them. The action groups are not seeking to destroy Lloyd's. We are committed to its future since an ongoing society is needed to help right the wrongs of the past. We have legitimate differences of opinion with the Council about strategy but Council and groups alike subscribe to the view that a prosperous Lloyd's is needed by all and that a fair settlement of past wrongs would facilitate that.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER STOCKWELL,
Chairman, Lloyd's Names Associations' Working Party,
The Agent's House,
Sarsden, Oxford.

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Global Gth Sec	63.51	67.56	+0.21	2.44
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High Inc Equity	164.50	175.00*	+0.30	4.50
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Amer Inc Gth	45.21	47.71	-0.48	0.65
European	92.09	97.60	-1.97	...
European Inc	87.04	92.33*	-1.89	1.63
Exempt	961.80	991.70*	+5.30	3.85
Extra Inc	49.97	54.23	-0.18	4.82
F East Emerg Ec	92.17	99.38*	-0.96	3.65
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High Inc	416.70	445.60	-1.10	3.69
Equity Inc	230.70	246.60	-0.60	3.69
High Yield	259.30	277.10	-0.10	3.70
Balanced	689.10	736.60	-1.60	2.38
American Inc	51.18	54.17*	-0.58	2.91
Wld Asset Val	44.04	47.07*	-0.39	0.96
Japan	217.30	231.40	-2.40	0.01
Secs of Am	427.60	455.10	-3.20	0.46
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	342.10	364.00	-1.70	2.43
-do- Inc	242.50	258.00	-1.30	2.43
Higher Inc Acc	634.90	675.50	-1.70	3.45
-do- Inc	385.70	410.40	-1.10	3.45
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	197.10	209.60	-1.20	5.76
-do- Inc	98.06	103.50	-0.60	5.76
Nth America	253.20	269.50	+5.90	...
Far East	334.40	355.80	+8.70	0.14
Europe	253.20	269.40	+4.40	0.72
General Inc	464.50	494.20	-2.70	2.70
-do- Acc	509.60	542.20	+3.10	2.23
Brit Excell	70.25	74.74	+1.33	2.44
Brit Fndmtls Inc	75.00	79.79	+0.11	4.28
Brit Fndmtls Acc	96.63	102.80	+0.10	4.28
Global Opps	79.93	84.04	+1.00	0.10
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit G'ssets	264.40	278.30	+3.10	1.257
Capital Gwth	110.70	116.50	-0.20	2.34
Worldwide Opps	164.80	173.50	+2.00	0.53
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	113.40	121.20	+0.30	2.67
Euro Gth Inc	126.00	133.90	+2.50	0.63
Extra Inc	117.00	125.10	...	4.12
General	262.00	280.30	-0.50	2.57
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.40	63.47	+0.43	7.89
Income	528.30	565.00	+0.10	3.93
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	94.19	99.97	+0.20	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	126.70	135.50	+2.40	...
Convertibles	57.21	61.18	+0.15	7.00
Eastern	200.10	215.50	+4.10	1.60
Equity Income	89.62	95.33	+0.06	6.20
European Gth	258.50	274.90	+6.00	1.50
Europe	168.40	179.80	+3.10	1.50
Exempt	87.85	90.21*	...	3.50
German Growth	69.29	73.76	+1.20	0.70
Global Growth	115.00	122.90	+1.20	...
Japan Growth	214.50	229.60	+2.10	...
Japan Sunrise	187.90	201.20	+1.10	...
Portfolio	127.20	136.10*	+0.80	3.20
-do- Acc	228.60	244.70	+1.30	3.20
UK Growth	89.26	94.95	+0.25	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	92.35	98.77	+0.38	1.90
Select Managers	69.30	74.12	+0.53	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Britan Gth Acc	113.09	120.95	+0.21	1.87
-do- Inc	102.81	109.95	+0.19	1.87
Global Bond	31.03	32.92	+0.04	5.37
High Yield Acc	60.02	64.19	+0.16	3.50
-do- Inc	43.09	46.09	+0.11	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	104.01	111.24	+0.02	1.35
-do- Inc	95.59	102.24	+0.02	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	62.33	66.66	+0.16	...
-do- Inc	61.17	65.42*	+0.16	...
Euro Gth Acc	116.79	124.91	+0.84	1.07
-do- Inc	114.40	122.35*	+0.01	1.07
Mngd P'folio	39.09	41.81	+0.04	1.29
Pacific Growth	111.77	119.54	+0.79	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	102.83	109.98	+0.07	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	142.30	151.50*	-0.30	2.76
Smaller Cos Acc	327.90	350.80	+2.70	...
Smaller Cos Inc	190.70	204.10	+1.60	1.06
High Inc	78.44	83.93	+0.19	6.24
Income	141.20	151.10	+0.20	3.64
Mngd P'folio Inc	100.70	107.20*	+0.80	1.85
-do- Acc	191.60	204.00	+1.60	...
North American	107.70	114.70	+0.60	0.19
Orient	140.70	151.70	+2.10	...
Recovery	43.13	48.52	-0.29	2.30
German	45.45	48.72	-0.40	0.08
Intl Growth	36.62	39.00	+0.44	0.20
European Inc	23.91	25.73	+0.41	0.44
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 490 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.16	69.09	+0.11	5.05
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	145.80	155.20	+0.60	1.53
UK Growth	158.60	168.80*	+0.40	1.95
UK Income	134.70	143.40	+0.30	3.90
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	93.87	100.40	+2.85	1.15
Growth	47.81	51.13*	+0.54	2.74
Income	58.52	62.59*	+0.23	3.95
Far East	53.01	56.70	+0.88	...
North American	93.77	100.80	+1.54	...
Global	93.69	100.20	+1.64	0.61
European	79.41	84.93	+1.22	0.61
Japan	124.80	133.30	+2.10	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	62.04	65.73	+0.66	5.79
UK Cap Gwth	88.33	94.48	+0.49	1.80
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Capability Trusts				
American Gen	137.70	146.50	+1.10	0.10
-do- Acc	146.40	155.80	+1.30	0.10
European	73.22	77.58*	+1.71	0.61
-do- Acc	76.84	81.41	+1.79	0.61
Far East Gen	71.84	76.43	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	71.84	76.43	+0.90	...
Smaller Cos	70.34	74.83*	+0.67	1.74
-do- Acc	79.45	84.53	+0.76	1.74
Growth	409.00	437.50*	+1.70	2.14
-do- Acc	709.30	758.70	+3.00	2.14
Income Growth	407.10	433.10*	+1.60	3.47
-do- Acc	553.00	588.40	+2.20	3.47
Master Portfolio	10237.0	10623.0*	+92.00	2.09
-do- Acc	11925.0	12374.0	+107.0	2.09
Special Sits	94.59	100.63*	+1.22	2.04
-do- Acc	111.82	118.96	+1.44	2.04
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1320.0	1361.0	-5.00	3.95
-do- Acc	1557.0	1606.0	+6.00	3.95
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	199.40	212.50	+3.30	1.55
Capital	580.80	619.80	+2.10	2.19
Eurotrack 100	145.30	154.80	+2.90	1.34
Euro Gth	92.43	98.57	+1.06	0.85
Far East Growth	102.70	109.60	+2.50	...
Global Bond	24.13	25.75	+0.35	5.80
Hong Kong	88.48	94.41	+1.90	0.63
Income	553.90	590.70	+0.70	3.70
Intl Growth	79.94	84.25	+1.49	0.16
Japan Growth	304.20	324.70	+7.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	38.27	40.84	+0.52	...
Japan Index	88.63	94.56	+2.23	0.22
Nth American	465.50	496.10	+7.60	0.45
S pore Mly Gth	63.03	67.27	+1.19	...
The Foursie Fd	115.60	122.10	+0.30	2.52
Tiger Index	156.50	167.00	+3.00	0.59
Trixie Index	114.00	121.70*	+0.30	2.07
UK Index	133.30	142.30*	+0.40	2.81
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	88.24	94.22	..	1.05
European P folio	81.78	87.18	...	0.98
Japanese P folio	71.99	76.57	...	...
Pacific P folio	112.35	120.81	...	1.06
Cazenove P folio	77.49	82.88	...	2.63
UK Income Gth	70.19	75.22	...	4.58
Utility & Bond	55.26	56.05	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	..	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	..	9.06
Deposit	5.60	.	5.72	..
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	...	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2464.9	...	...
Deposit	5.90	...	5.61	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	...	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	68.43	72.03	-1.44	2.10
Beckman Ind	88.13	93.06	...	2.85
Friars Hse Inc	190.83	205.19	+0.81	5.68
Friars Hse Cap	269.41	289.69*	-1.71	2.52
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	157.32	167.36	+0.32	3.45
Equity Incom Acc	520.82	554.06	+1.04	3.45
Fixed & Convert	43.92	46.72	-0.48	6.13
Fixed & Conv Acc	117.69	125.20	-1.30	6.13
Monthly Income	51.63	54.93	-0.06	6.90
Preference	50.84	54.09	-0.19	6.28
Preference Acc	266.12	283.11	+1.02	6.28
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	128.30	136.49	+0.49	4.05
High Yield Acc	493.29	524.78	+1.89	4.05
Managed Fund	67.29	71.58	+0.71	3.10
Managed Fd Acc	82.17	87.42	+0.85	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.34	42.91	+0.11	1.43
Smaller Cos Acc	45.78	48.70	+0.12	1.43
UK & General	74.42	79.17	+0.33	2.32
UK & General Acc	90.32	96.09	+0.41	2.32
UK Growth	127.53	135.67	+0.53	1.78
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	171.60	182.55	+3.76	0.76
Far East Growth	118.34	125.89	+2.11	...
Global Bond	89.11	94.73	+0.86	5.08
Gold & Comm	61.53	65.46	+0.33	..
Japan Growth	132.08	140.51	+2.67	...
North America	155.69	165.63	+2.46	0.12
Oriental Growth	62.61	66.61	+0.88	0.18
W'wide Growth	63.12	67.51	+1.07	0.08
-do- Acc	65.84	70.42	+1.12	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.08	93.08	+0.04	5.16
Deposit Fund Acc	93.08	93.08	+0.04	5.16
Quilter Fund	131.33	139.71*	+0.52	2.34
Quilter Fund Acc	147.34	156.74	+0.58	2.34
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	65.11	69.27	+0.25	1.80
-do- Acc	73.40	78.09	+0.28	1.80
Income Fund 5	231.60	246.40	+1.20	3.79
-do- Acc	538.80	573.20	+2.70	3.79
Inv Portfolio	72.35	74.98	+0.51	2.01
-do- Acc	82.44	85.44	+0.58	2.01
Smaller Cos	136.30	145.00	+0.20	1.15
-do- Acc	164.90	175.80	+0.20	1.15
High Inc P folio	66.69	68.08	+0.09	4.18
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	90.96	96.77	+1.54	0.82
Japanese Acc	68.82	73.21	+0.91	...
UK Balncd Inc	136.00	144.70*	+0.20	2.38
-do- Acc	160.40	170.60*	+0.30	2.38
UK Growth Acc	220.30	234.40	+0.30	1.91
UK High Inc	145.60	154.90	+0.20	5.72
-do- Acc	176.30	187.50	+0.20	5.72
N America Acc	116.60	124.00*	+1.20	0.22
European Acc	175.00	186.20	+4.00	0.38
UK Pref Fi Inc	62.80	66.60*	+0.53	6.61
-do- Acc	103.40	109.60*	+0.80	6.61
Intl Sp Sits Acc	51.70	55.00	+0.79	0.21
Environmntl Opp	76.80	81.70	+0.40	1.50
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	116.40	123.70	+1.70	0.40
UK Smlr Cos	222.40	236.30	+0.20	1.06
Eurofund	41.78	44.22	+0.97	0.90
Mngd Exempt	179.50	187.10	+2.70	2.81
Growth Inc	229.10	243.40*	+0.20	3.08
High Dist	155.80	165.50	+0.30	4.53
International	348.70	370.50*	+4.40	0.88
Intl Income	87.72	93.64	+1.26	2.78
Pacific	63.34	67.30	+0.97	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	80.57	85.61	+1.32	...
Tokyo	227.90	242.10	+5.50	...
Japan Exempt	129.70	133.20	+4.40	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	639.50	697.10	-12.10	0.00
Equity Income	131.00	140.10	-0.20	3.57
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	155.20	164.30	+3.10	0.40
Financial	46.66	49.58	+0.39	2.41
Global Opps Inc	95.53	101.50	+1.84	0.99
-do- Acc	99.02	105.20	+1.90	0.99
Gold Gen Inc	52.56	55.85	+1.04	0.54
-do- Acc	100.90	107.20	+2.00	0.54
Japan General	176.30	187.30	+4.00	..
Preference	24.09	25.60	+0.14	7.10
Worldwide Cap	213.30	226.60*	+2.30	1.77
World Income	91.95	97.70*	+1.52	3.05
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	188.80	200.90	..	0.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	114.35	120.37	+0.06	3.09
High Income	132.84	139.83	-0.06	4.43
Tst of Inv Tsts	167.51	176.33*	-0.22	2.06
Special Sits	90.70	95.47	-0.15	2.05
North American	109.66	115.43	-0.98	1.19
Far Eastern	270.75	285.00	+3.45	1.56
Intl Growth	104.76	110.27	+0.93	1.17
European	71.03	74.77	+0.83	1.83
Smaller Cos	72.50	76.32	-0.05	1.83
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	243.30	258.80	+5.60	3.50
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	142.70	151.80	+2.50	...
High Income	27.80	29.25*	+0.07	5.68
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	103.90	109.80*	+2.60	0.56
Far Eastern	149.40	160.30	+1.80	..
High Income	24.21	25.78	+0.11	10.00
Oseas Income	93.31	99.76	+0.38	3.02
UK Growth	103.70	110.90*	+0.40	0.85
UK Income	110.60	118.30	+0.50	2.79
US Smaller Cos	279.40	298.90	+4.10	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	51.67	54.91	+0.78	...
-do- Acc	51.67	54.91	+0.78	...
Am Smllr Co	458.00	489.70	+5.50	..
-do- Acc	467.90	500.30	+5.80	...
Capital	306.80	326.30	...	1.54
-do- Acc	427.30	454.50	+0.10	1.54
Contl Smllr Cos	51.08	54.76	+0.76	0.86
-do- Acc	53.40	57.25	+0.80	0.86
Convertible	122.80	130.60	+0.30	5.47
-do- Acc	233.20	248.00	+0.60	5.47
Emg Mark	60.06	64.16	+0.13	...
-do- Acc	60.06	64.16	+0.13	...
European	105.90	113.10	+2.40	0.66
-do- Acc	110.40	117.90	+2.50	0.66
Extra Income	317.80	338.00	...	3.63
-do- Acc	455.10	484.00	+0.10	3.63
Financial	119.10	127.50	+1.40	0.13
-do- Acc	124.60	133.40	+1.40	0.13
Gilt Gth Tst	69.07	71.21	+0.76	5.77
-do- Acc	89.24	92.01	+0.97	5.77
Health Fund Inc	120.50	128.70	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	120.50	128.70	+1.40	...
Income Tst	196.40	208.90	+0.40	3.45
-do- Acc	278.30	296.00	+0.30	3.45
Intl Growth	344.30	367.30	+5.40	..
-do- Acc	382.20	407.90	+6.10	..
Japan Gen	198.70	212.40	+3.20	...
-do- Acc	200.70	214.50	+3.30	...
Mngd P folio Inc	98.81	104.00	+0.70	0.80
-do- Acc	103.90	109.30	+0.70	0.80
Monthly Income	165.20	175.70	+0.40	3.62
Qrtly Inc	53.77	57.19	+0.09	5.38
-do- Acc	54.53	58.00	+0.09	5.38
Recovery	316.10	338.00	+2.90	0.35
-do- Acc	371.40	397.10	+2.90	0.35
UK Growth	50.64	54.15	+0.21	2.29
-do- Acc	50.64	54.15	+0.21	2.29
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	375.07	399.01	+0.63	2.54
-do- Acc	765.88	814.77	+1.29	2.54
Euro Gth Dist	119.07	126.67*	+2.77	0.60
-do- Acc	123.74	131.64*	+2.88	0.60
Fixed Int Dist	141.56	149.74	+1.26	5.84
-do- Acc	239.38	253.21	+2.13	5.84
Intl Gth Dist	84.22	89.60	+1.19	0.59
-do- Acc	87.43	93.01	+1.23	0.59
Nth Amer Dist	177.71	188.29*	+1.10	0.79
-do- Acc	193.68	205.17*	+1.20	0.79
Pac Basin Dist	270.01	287.25*	+3.32	0.02
-do- Acc	275.18	292.74*	+3.40	0.02
Stewardship Dist	322.65	343.24	-0.75	1.79
-do- Acc	384.71	409.27	-0.89	1.79
Stwd Inc Dist	68.70	73.08*	-0.35	3.01
-do- Acc	85.65	91.12*	-0.44	3.01
N Am Stwd Dist	101.92	108.43*	-0.61	...
-do- Acc	107.82	114.70*	-0.64	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	145.10	155.20	+1.80	...
European	460.20	489.70	+4.50	0.87
Far East General	250.90	268.40	+3.00	0.27
Germany	112.40	119.00	+2.30	0.39
Global Assets In	75.28	80.25	+0.64	2.01
Global Assets Ac	79.60	84.86	+0.68	1.97
Income Inc	138.70	148.40	+0.50	5.94
International	314.70	336.20	+2.90	0.83
Intl Income	83.50	88.71	+1.31	4.49
Japan General	409.80	435.80	+4.50	..
Smllr Cos Div	50.40	53.91	+0.24	5.51
UK Capital Inc	178.30	190.70*	...	3.75
-do- Acc	307.70	329.10	...	3.41
Uk Spec Sits	84.11	89.96	+0.15	1.41
US General	127.90	136.40	+0.80	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	140.20	149.60*	+1.00	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.81	51.13*	+0.31	1.27
Cash Trust*	130.08	130.08*	+0.05	4.87
Pract Inv Inc	113.15	121.41	+0.23	3.79
-do- Acc	242.91	260.65	+0.50	3.79
UK Smaller Cos	113.07	121.26	+0.30	0.76
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.65	29.57	+0.16	7.88
High Inc	34.67	37.08*	+0.32	4.42
UK Equity Inc	138.85	148.50*	+0.64	3.66
Global Bond	30.73	31.86	+0.21	5.62
International Funds				
Gold Intl	91.25	97.86	+0.93	0.43
Frontier Markets	47.21	50.63	+0.94	0.12
Global Inc Gth	127.25	135.04	+1.42	1.77
UK Intl	127.78	136.66	+2.25	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	134.95	144.08	+1.38	0.43
European	90.75	96.22	+2.07	0.89
Euro Sel Opps	108.80	116.76*	+2.30	0.63
American Emerg	91.02	97.61	+1.54	...
Hong Kong	123.95	132.90	+2.80	1.87
Japan	256.01	270.96*	+3.70	..
Pacific Growth	172.40	184.88	+2.95	0.35
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	136.20	145.67	...	0.32
American Gth	136.42	145.90	...	...
European Gth	72.72	77.77	...	0.61
Japan Gth	86.63	92.66	...	...
Greater China	148.24	158.55*	...	2.85
Pacific Strategy	136.32	145.80	...	0.30
UK Prog Inc	81.76	86.04	...	4.69
British Growth	51.64	54.53	...	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.71	51.03	...	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.30	132.30	+0.10	5.18
Gilt Fund	130.60	138.60*	+1.80	5.02
Growth Equity	318.50	340.20	+0.90	1.87
Guardhill	462.30	493.90*	+1.40	1.96
Income Trust	117.60	125.60	+0.10	3.26
International	172.30	184.00	+2.70	0.01
Japan Trust	138.40	147.80*	+3.20	...
Nth American	268.90	287.20	+2.80	0.35
Pacific	418.40	447.00	+7.10	...
European	393.80	420.70	+8.60	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838866				
Global Adv Inc	37.71	39.98*	+0.30	1.44
-do- Acc	39.74	42.13	+0.30	1.44
Inc Adv Inc	31.43	33.32	+0.10	3.66
-do- Acc	32.97	34.95	+0.10	3.66
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690598				
Canadian	82.67	88.56	+0.84	0.93
Equity Income	121.80	129.60*	+0.10	3.23
European	146.50	154.80	+3.60	0.87
Intl Situation	81.16	86.34	+1.44	...
Japanese	152.00	161.30	+1.50	...
North American	99.81	105.90	+1.40	0.08
Scandinavian	131.00	139.50*	+2.10	...
Smaller Cos	32.33	34.39	+0.09	1.86
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.28	101.85	+1.27	...
Asian Enterprise	143.78	153.75	+1.99	0.39
European	421.78	446.17	+9.89	0.67
European Inc	77.22	81.67*	+1.52	2.33
Euro Sml Co	131.20	139.44	+2.48	0.56
Extra Income	283.30	301.40	+0.75	4.42
Family of Funds	76.24	81.27*	+0.25	0.53
Global Bond	58.93	63.02	-0.30	6.57
High Inc	318.01	339.95*	+0.23	3.70
Income Gth	258.57	275.37	+0.62	3.17
-do- Acc	668.82	712.29	+1.59	3.17
International	248.60	265.79	+3.47	0.49
Japan Spec Sit	265.44	282.68	+6.49	...
Japan	231.54	246.56*	+4.61	...
N Amer	226.97	241.49	+2.56	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	214.79	228.49	+2.25	0.24
Pref Gilt	49.14	52.82*	+0.23	7.69
Smaller Cos Div	183.49	196.51*	-0.16	3.75
Special Sits	279.09	298.62*	+1.00	1.57
-do- Acc	432.28	462.53	+1.55	1.57
Best of British	60.62	64.88	+0.40	2.24
Henderson TR				
American Gth	84.77	90.65*	+0.65	...
Euro Spec Sits	51.61	54.84	+0.71	0.72
-do- Acc	54.65	58.06	+0.75	0.72
Far East Opps	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
General Growth	...	...	...	...
Global Tech	138.69*	148.39	+2.32	...
Income Growth	110.26	117.92	+0.41	3.50
Income Monthly	...	...	...	...
Japan Growth	90.62	96.94	+1.85	...
Overseas Gth	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	78.83	84.34	+0.17	1.55
Special Opps	115.77	124.48*	+0.04	1.24
Wld Spec Sits	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	93.79	100.30	+0.31	2.08
Capital	166.50	178.00*	+2.40	1.75
Dollar	328.30	351.10	+4.40	0.01
European	219.90	234.10	+4.50	0.55
Far East	263.20	281.40	+5.90	0.23
Financial	797.00	852.40	+14.60	1.76
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.73	28.81	+0.18	7.18
High Yield	111.30	118.90	...	4.12
Income	146.10	156.20	+0.50	3.06
Intl	231.90	248.00	+4.60	0.17
Japan Tech	77.61	83.00	+0.89	...
Nat Resources	64.87	69.37	+1.18	0.41
Security	322.30	344.60	+1.10	1.78
Smaller Cos	122.10	130.50	+2.10	1.10
Special Sits	148.40	158.70	+2.60	1.49
US Smaller Cos	74.83	80.03	+2.29	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.44	29.33*	+0.02	1.20
Special Features	30.16	32.04	...	1.80
-do- Acc	35.61	37.83	...	1.83
General Funds				
UK Growth	57.58	61.56	+0.17	1.97
Assets Earnings	75.96	80.76*	+0.26	2.18
do Acc	90.65	96.31*	+0.32	2.17
Managed Invest	95.51	101.90	+0.80	1.08
Rupert Children	80.85	86.25	+0.38	2.02
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.12	50.12*	...	4.37
Extra Inc	86.78	92.72*	+0.25	4.54
Gilt	29.51	31.06	+0.32	6.34
Income Gth	41.93	44.75	+0.09	3.38
MIMstar	80.81	82.57	+0.41	7.62
Preference	19.74	19.91*	+0.08	6.36
UK Income	334.70	357.90	+0.70	2.87
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	64.27	68.28	+0.34	1.17
Property Shares	71.83	77.36	+0.33	1.49
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	156.50	164.20	+0.30	3.93
European Acc	127.30	135.40	+2.70	1.44
European Dist	121.60	128.90	+2.60	1.44
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.45	53.63	+0.39	0.94
European Perf	130.30	138.10*	+2.50	0.65
-do- Acc	134.20	142.40*	+2.50	0.65
Euro Small Cos	24.04	25.55	+0.59	0.60
French Growth	73.67	78.56	+1.20	0.47
-do- Acc	78.92	83.93	+1.29	0.47
Hong K/China	75.26	79.63	+1.59	1.55
Intl Growth	56.40	59.92	+0.84	0.66
-do- Acc	56.40	59.92	+0.84	0.66
Japan Perf	37.79	40.16	+0.90	..
Accum Units	37.79	40.16	+0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.61	44.22	+0.18	...
Singapore Asean	93.93	99.80*	+0.78	0.30
-do- Acc	94.59	100.50*	+0.78	0.30
South East Asia	257.00	272.00	+3.00	0.63
US Smllr Cos	108.20	114.90	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	109.40	116.20	+0.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	90.90	96.92	+1.23	2.42
Intl Bond	59.78	60.60*	+0.62	5.53
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.13	70.48*	+0.02	4.78
Extra Income	56.56	60.17	+0.13	6.42
Gilt Yield	128.10	133.00	+0.80	6.80
Global Income	215.20	228.90*	+4.64	3.82
High Yield	145.90	155.30*	+1.80	5.57
Smllr Cos Div	53.77	57.20*	+0.08	3.43
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	96.02	102.20	+2.80	...
North American	79.25	84.31	-1.12	0.40
European	143.60	152.80	+3.10	1.46
Euro Special	84.67	90.07*	+1.30	1.39
General	283.60	301.70	+3.30	2.96
Japan	465.80	495.90	+6.90	...
Japanese Special	260.50	277.10	+3.20	...
Master Acc	237.50	252.40	+4.70	1.22
Pacific	302.40	321.70	-11.20	0.50
Smaller Cos	109.00	116.00	+0.30	1.45
UK Equity Gth	40.28	42.85*	+0.85	1.65
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	81.24	86.43	+1.58	0.91
Extra Income	26.08	27.74	+0.33	3.29
Far East	30.37	32.31	+0.82	0.75
Income Gwth	78.07	83.05*	+1.01	2.56
Intl Growth	55.96	59.53	+1.01	0.61
Japan	71.60	76.17*	+1.63	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20*	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.87	42.41	+0.47	0.26
UK Equity	93.42	99.38	+0.19	2.78
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	55.36	58.90*	+0.26	4.24
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	461.10	490.50	+1.70	2.52
Equity Acc	875.10	931.00	+3.30	2.52
Equity Income	100.00	106.40*	+0.50	4.37
European	105.80	112.60*	+2.80	1.15
Far Eastern	205.50	220.70	+4.30	...
Fixed Interest	56.64	60.26	+0.56	5.79
Gilt	97.41	103.30	+0.70	5.85
Global Growth	74.15	78.88	+1.23	0.41
Intl Bond	57.44	61.11*	+0.01	4.65
Japanese	79.92	85.02	+1.67	...
Overseas Equity	106.40	113.20	+2.10	0.04
Pacific Gth	96.44	102.60	+1.80	0.41
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	337.40	359.00	+1.20	2.55
-do- Acc	741.00	788.40	+2.50	2.55
Contl Euro Gth	56.57	59.56	+1.38	1.02
-do- Acc	59.82	62.97	+1.45	1.02
Extra Inc	260.10	276.80	+4.50	3.64
-do- Acc	643.40	684.50	+11.40	3.64
German Gth	113.50	119.50	+2.10	0.07
-do- Acc	119.10	125.40	+2.30	0.07
Growth Port	521.60	554.90	+2.60	0.32
-do- Acc	521.60	554.90	+2.60	0.32
Income	488.80	520.00	+1.70	3.26
-do- Acc	1254.0	1335.0	+5.00	3.26
Income Port	517.00	550.10	+1.90	3.99
-do- Acc	524.70	558.20	+1.80	3.99
Japan Growth	109.70	116.80	+1.90	0.01
-do- Acc	110.00	117.10	+1.80	0.01
Master Trust	55.50	59.05	+0.41	1.16
-do- Acc	61.10	65.01	+0.45	1.16
N American Gen	193.60	206.00	+3.70	0.01
-do- Acc	223.70	238.00	+4.40	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	143.90	153.10	+2.50	0.01
-do- Acc	146.80	156.20	+2.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	221.70	235.90	-0.20	0.60
-do- Acc	234.30	249.30	-0.20	0.60
Small Cos Rec	337.70	355.50	+12.20	2.33
-do- Acc	439.80	463.00	+16.10	2.33
UK Growth	83.57	88.91	+0.26	2.14
-do- Acc	98.41	104.70	+0.30	2.14
Worldwide Gth	303.90	323.30	+7.50	0.14
-do- Acc	448.10	476.80	+11.10	0.14
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	83.42	88.51	+0.15	2.60
Income	67.24	72.15	+0.34	4.80
International	61.37	65.85	+0.69	0.70
American	61.47	65.95	+0.40	0.30
Japan	60.08	64.46*	+0.94	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	64.10	68.78	+0.14	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	396.30	419.10*	+3.50	0.87
-do- Acc	489.80	517.80	+4.30	0.87
American Rec	435.20	460.20	+4.60	0.20
-do- Acc	498.70	527.30	+5.30	0.20
Am Sm Co Acc	127.70	135.10	+1.80	...
Australia Acc	176.70	186.90	+2.00	0.95
Capital	730.00	772.00*	+5.00	2.13
-do- Acc	815.30	862.30	+5.60	2.13
Commodity Acc	465.80	492.50	+3.20	0.79
Compnd Gth	899.10	950.70	+0.60	2.40
Dividend	39.10	41.30	...	3.82
-do- Acc	154.70	163.90	+0.30	3.82
Equity Inc	327.10	345.90*	+1.60	4.27
European Div	64.90	68.60*	+1.20	3.66
-do- Acc	75.10	79.40	+1.40	3.66
European Gen	433.70	458.60*	+8.80	0.81
-do- Acc	544.80	576.10	+11.10	0.81
Extra Yield	415.50	439.40	+0.60	3.98
-do- Acc	1214.9	1284.7	+1.60	3.98
Far Eastern	328.00	346.90*	+3.20	0.53
-do- Acc	432.70	457.60	+4.20	0.53
Fund of Inv	570.40	603.20	+1.30	1.86
-do- Acc	1040.4	1100.3	+2.40	1.86
General	58.70	62.10	+0.10	3.29
-do- Acc	156.80	166.10	+0.30	3.29
Gilt Fxd Int	66.51	66.60*	+0.81	7.02
do Acc	169.57	169.79	+2.06	7.02
Gold	39.30	42.20*	+1.30	0.70
-do- Acc	69.70	73.70	+1.50	0.70
High Inc	27.70	29.30	...	4.01
-do- Acc	104.80	111.00	+0.10	4.01
Intl Growth	73.80	78.00*	+1.10	0.64
-do- Acc	127.80	135.10	+1.90	0.64
Intl Inc	100.20	106.00	+1.40	4.33
Japan Gen Acc	56.30	59.50	+0.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	164.70	174.10	+2.00	...
Midland	60.70	64.20	...	2.80
-do- Acc	194.30	205.70	...	2.80
Recovery	39.90	42.20	+0.10	2.33
-do- Acc	63.50	67.10	+0.20	2.33
Second Gen	68.00	71.90	+0.20	3.12
-do- Acc	168.40	178.20	+0.40	3.12
Smaller Cos	64.90	68.60*	+0.10	2.77
-do- Acc	124.60	131.70	+0.20	2.77
Trustee	42.80	45.30	+0.10	3.49
Charibond 3	1117.65	...	+0.70	9.17
Charifund 2	690.70	699.70	+1.30	4.79
Pension ex 1	914.80	937.70	+1.50	3.92
NAACIF Inc 3	349.03	...	+0.20	7.04
-do- Acc 3	11210.0	...	+6.50	7.04
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 499, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680864				
Inv Port Inc	146.90	157.10*	+0.71	1.87
-do- Acc	164.60	176.00*	+0.71	1.87
UK Income	122.90	131.40	+0.15	2.40
-do- Acc	138.90	148.50	+0.15	2.40
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	90.90	96.70	+0.04	0.41
Far East	148.50	157.60	+4.70	0.15
Income Growth	77.34	82.10*	+1.19	3.15
European	76.32	81.02	+1.72	1.06
Nth American	60.22	63.93	+1.84	0.41
UK Growth	83.19	88.31	+0.28	1.95
Intl Growth	103.10	109.40	+1.20	0.33
Charities	116.40	123.60*	+0.30	3.85
Intl Income	72.71	77.19	+0.61	4.86
Japan	59.05	62.69	+0.80	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	196.40	208.70	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	209.90	223.10	+1.10	...
Cash	100.60	100.60	+0.10	5.47
-do- Acc	130.70	130.70	+0.10	5.47
Emrg Mkts Acc	98.02	105.40	+0.90	...
European Gth	214.90	227.90*	+5.90	0.30
-do- Acc	231.10	245.00*	+6.30	0.30
General	498.40	531.40	+1.10	2.28
-do- Acc	948.00	1010	+2.00	2.28
Global Dist	135.80	142.80	+1.20	3.11
-do- Acc	151.90	159.80	+1.40	3.11
Income	149.30	159.40*	+0.50	4.27
-do- Acc	222.30	236.80*	+0.70	4.27
International	419.80	447.60	+5.50	0.62
-do- Acc	558.30	595.30	+7.30	0.62
Japan Acc	208.40	221.10	+2.70	...
New Europe	154.80	165.10	+2.40	1.57
-do- Acc	157.20	167.70	+2.40	1.57
Recovery	313.60	334.30	+0.60	2.68
-do- Acc	396.20	422.60	+0.90	2.68
European Inc	78.44	83.19	+1.57	2.93
-do- Acc	101.00	107.20	+2.00	2.93
Brit Blue Chip	77.29	82.23	+0.15	3.06
-do- Acc	91.15	96.97	+0.15	3.06
Portfolio	79.26	84.25	+0.46	2.69
-do- Acc	90.12	95.80	+0.53	2.69
Gold General	138.70	149.10	+1.10	0.63
-do- Acc	141.80	152.50	+1.10	0.63
Pacific	100.90	107.60	+1.40	0.78
-do- Acc	107.20	114.40	+1.70	0.78
UK Smaller Cos	56.63	60.41*	...	1.80
-do- Acc	63.65	67.89*	...	1.80
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	60.34	64.53	+0.35	2.53
-do- Acc	61.26	65.52	+0.35	2.53
British Dist	81.58	87.25	+0.34	1.98
-do- Acc	92.25	98.77	+0.39	1.98
European Gth	189.60	202.80	+2.90	0.02
-do- Acc	238.10	254.70	+3.80	0.02
Extra High Inc	74.13	79.28	+0.15	5.38
-do- Acc	132.60	141.80	+0.30	5.38
FT-SE 100 Index	51.61	55.20	+0.26	2.52
-do- Acc	52.39	56.03	+0.27	2.52
Gilt Fixed Int	59.20	61.63	+0.34	6.42
-do- Acc	158.00	164.50	+0.90	6.42
High Yield	236.40	252.80	+0.70	4.36
-do- Acc	554.90	593.50	+1.60	4.36
Income	297.00	317.70*	+0.80	3.05
-do- Acc	628.00	671.70	+1.70	3.05
Japan Gth	383.30	409.90	+8.20	...
-do- Acc	404.60	432.70	+8.60	...
Mandarin Acc	108.90	116.40	+2.30	0.77
North American	167.50	179.10	+0.90	0.52
-do- Acc	211.30	226.00	+1.20	0.52
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gth	280.40	298.40*	+1.80	...
Deposit Inc	100.11	100.11*	+0.04	5.47
Deposit Acc	123.60	123.60*	+0.05	5.47
Euro Gth Acc	318.30	339.70	+4.50	...
Europa	138.70	148.60*	+2.20	...
Intl Gth	181.70	194.10	+2.00	...
Japan Tracker	85.42	90.50	+1.77	...
UK Equity Inc	164.50	176.90	+0.40	3.74
-do- Acc	201.70	216.90	+0.50	3.74
UK Ind Tracker	152.60	163.20*	+0.20	2.96
US Eq Ind Trkr	196.90	208.80	+1.70	1.41
-do- Acc	208.30	220.90	+1.80	1.41
Asian Trader	175.90	190.50	+3.60	0.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 898 933				
American Inc	172.30	176.30*	+1.00	1.70
European	67.24	68.63	+1.32	1.45
Olympiad	60.65	62.31*	+0.59	0.19
Global Bond	49.11	49.64*	-0.34	6.08
Smaller Cos	71.61	74.87	+0.24	1.22
Equity Income	98.84	101.60	+0.30	4.88
UK Growth	88.54	91.31	+0.31	1.65
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	48.51	51.74	+0.32	1.11
Australian Acc	331.70	355.90	+6.00	...
Conscience	66.43	70.89	+0.10	1.26
-do- Acc	71.70	76.52	+0.11	1.26
European	185.40	197.20	+4.80	1.05
-do- Acc	199.40	212.10	+5.10	1.05
Extra Income	76.90	82.07	+0.29	5.41
-do- Acc	118	125.90	+0.40	5.41
Far East Gth	182.90	195.50	+7.00	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.90	64.06*	+0.24	6.18
Gold	52.33	56.26	+0.87	...
-do- Acc	56.34	60.58	+0.98	...
Income	56.32	60.07	+0.63	4.70
-do- Acc	172.40	183.80	+1.90	4.70
International	31.77	34.08	+0.52	0.65
-do- Acc	45.64	48.97	+0.75	0.65
Jap Sm Cos Acc	377.40	402.50	+5.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	222.50	238.60	+5.10	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.91	28.93	+0.42	0.78
Special Sits	34.69	37.30	+0.23	1.64
-do- Acc	39.96	42.96	+0.27	1.64
Tokyo	94.50	100.80	+1.66	...
-do- Acc	95.44	101.80	+1.70	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 33 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	70.97	75.51*	+0.14	2.58
N&P Gth Fxd Int	78.48	83.05*	+0.37	5.54
N&P Higher Inc	216.50	230.40	+0.80	4.45
N&P UK Income	109.30	116.30	+0.50	3.42
N&P Intl	94.12	100.13	+0.83	1.73
N&P Smaller Cos	78.51	83.53	+0.35	1.53
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	172.87	180.23*	+2.05	2.02
Global	319.35	339.74	+5.42	3.06
Growth	115.62	123.00	-0.16	1.93
Income	218.20	232.56*	+1.69	3.70
Intl Bond	137.21	145.68	+1.68	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 590, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626597				
Growth	147.40	155.10	+0.50	2.42
-do- Acc	261.10	274.80	+0.80	2.42
Income	257.30	282.30	+0.90	3.26
Intl Equity	241.00	256.40	+3.50	0.75
-do- Acc	263.90	280.70	+3.90	0.75
Equity	231.40	246.30	+0.60	2.31
-do- Acc	474.80	505.00	+1.30	2.31
UK Intl 25 Acc	74.83	79.61	+0.41	1.84
UK Income	64.81	68.95*	+0.15	2.87
UK Smllr Co Acc	82.31	87.56	+0.25	1.56
New Europe Acc	67.11	71.39	+1.39	0.09
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	103.03	110.20	+2.85	0.01
PEP Growth	110.04	117.69	+1.10	1.14
Intl Gth	536.99	574.23	+8.09	0.28
Income	335.69	359.03	-0.05	2.98
W wide Recov	341.77	365.54	+3.89	0.18
American Gth	220.54	235.88	+1.61	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	205.08	219.34	+3.29	0.01
Far East Gth	243.99	260.96	+2.45	0.03
European Gth	128.18	137.10	+2.01	0.92
UK Growth	84.62	90.51	+0.19	2.52
High Income	91.39	97.74*	+0.22	4.12
Japanese Gth	235.06	250.70	+1.80	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282465				
International	190.90	203.10	+4.20	0.64
High Income	118.70	126.30	...	3.38
Conv Gilt	120.30	128.00*	+3.90	5.52
Far East	340.50	362.30	+4.00	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.91	36.07	+0.29	4.73
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.62	55.98*	+0.82	0.20
Emerging Mkts	74.22	78.96*	+3.28	0.50
General	50.89	54.14	+0.29	2.98
International	92.55	98.46	+1.44	1.22
Gilt Units	27.60	28.45*	+1.06	6.99
Global PEP	38.39	40.84	+0.86	1.90
Income Gth	70.37	74.86*	+0.24	4.38
European	48.20	51.28	+1.10	0.59
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.59	29.35	+0.33	5.36
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4594 Pricebusters 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.60	35.93*	+0.31	1.57
Pru Cth Hvn Inc	101.04	101.53*	+0.04	4.65
-do- Acc	106.21	106.73*	+0.04	4.65
Pru Equity	710.07	759.43	+3.16	2.37
Pru Equity Inc	84.87	90.77*	+0.97	4.27
Pru European	192.15	205.50	+2.88	0.93
Pru Global Gth	84.77	90.66*	+0.79	1.19
Pru High Inc	91.97	98.36*	+0.04	4.37
Pru Intl	173.17	185.20*	+2.63	1.00
Pru Intl Sm Co	74.42	79.59	+0.87	0.59
Pru Japanese	220.23	235.54	+3.40	...
Pru Nth Amer	150.58	161.01	+1.67	0.78
Pru Pacific Mkt	84.22	90.07*	+1.66	1.08
Pru Premr Inc	52.46	54.61*	+0.46	4.96
Pru Smllr Cos	86.85	92.86	+0.07	2.16
Pru Spec Sits	104.72	112.00*	+0.50	2.34
Pru UK Growth	116.28	124.36*	+0.56	2.32
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2961/4				
FA Income	166.47	177.07	+0.25	3.38
FA Japan	300.03	319.25	+4.59	...
FA Maj UK Cos	98.08	104.73	+0.30	2.40
FA America Inc	516.66	550.44*	+3.10	0.87
-do- Acc	602.07	641.42	+3.60	0.87
FA Smlr UK Cos	285.30	303.56	+0.14	1.50
FA European	274.68	291.35	+3.22	1.20
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829829 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.69	79.46	+0.68	3.55
Capital Units	154.50	164.40	+1.40	1.05
Commodity	112.60	120.10*	+0.70	1.02
European Gth	174.50	185.60	+3.80	1.05
Financial Sec	187.40	199.40	+0.70	1.27
High Return	226.60	241.10	+0.60	3.48
High Yield	221.60	235.70	+0.90	3.78
Income Units	118.20	125.70*	+0.30	4.38
Investment	195.90	208.40	+0.20	1.10
Japan Gth	169.30	179.90	+1.90	...
Japan Smaller	195.50	208.00	+0.30	...
Masterfund	50.21	53.41	+0.28	0.85
Scotbits	272.70	290.10	+0.80	1.42
Scotshares	269.40	286.60	+1.90	2.28
Scotyields	236.00	251.10*	+0.80	3.76
Select Intl	138.40	147.20	+1.90	0.38
Smaller Cos	243.40	258.90	+0.30	3.51
Special Situation	115.90	122.90	...	0.64
UK Equity	236.50	251.60*	+1.00	2.74
US Growth	142.90	152.00	+1.00	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client Enq: 0800 526 535 Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	244.74	260.32	+2.03	0.62
-do- Acc	265.17	282.04	+2.19	0.62
Australian	140.44	149.80*	+3.53	0.71
-do- Acc	166.10	177.17	+4.18	0.71
UK Enterprise	233.96	249.55	+0.60	2.16
-do- Acc	273.40	291.62	+0.70	2.16
European Gth	67.67	71.93	+1.20	1.26
-do- Acc	70.29	74.71	+1.25	1.26
Euro Smllr Cos	61.48	65.49	+0.87	0.42
-do- Acc	61.90	65.91	+0.87	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	78.46	83.69*	+1.27	...
-do- Acc	79.73	85.04	+1.29	...
Fixed Interest	57.47	60.57	+0.36	6.33
-do- Acc	69.79	73.55	+0.43	6.33
Gilt Income	111.49	117.50	+0.80	7.10
-do- Acc	155.71	164.11	+1.13	7.10
Income	341.62	364.39*	+0.32	3.72
-do- Acc	1020.6	1088.1	+0.96	3.72
Japan Enterprise	73.75	78.66	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	73.75	78.66	+1.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	515.77	550.15	+7.12	...
-do- Acc	516.80	551.25	+7.14	...
Pacific Gth	103.62	110.52*	+2.02	0.24
-do- Acc	106.69	113.80	+2.08	0.24
Smaller Cos	203.99	217.58	+0.33	0.92
-do- Acc	235.93	251.65	+0.38	0.92
Tokyo	120.22	128.23	+2.42	...
-do- Acc	121.43	129.52	+2.44	...
UK Equity	228.34	243.96	+1.14	2.52
-do- Acc	428.68	457.27	+2.14	2.52
US Smllr Cos	145.56	155.26	+1.41	...
-do- Acc	145.58	155.26	+1.41	...
World Fd	76.09	81.16*	+0.65	1.34
-do- Acc	80.89	86.27	+0.68	1.34
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.99	53.13	+0.36	3.72
Equity Strategy	67.81	72.22	+0.43	0.74
European Opps	79.95	84.60	+1.85	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.02	100.55	+0.04	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	58.37	62.16	+0.48	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	366.70	393.80	+1.60	2.58
American	258.70	274.40	+3.00	0.76
Pacific	368.40	394.00	+7.40	0.47
European	489.70	522.70	+9.10	1.05
Worldwide	87.32	93.39	+1.02	0.87
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	321.40	342.00	+0.80	2.66
UK Sm Cos Eqty	222.20	236.40	+0.60	1.53
European	362.60	385.80	+7.30	1.52
North American	266.10	283.10	-2.60	0.57
Income Plus Inc	72.97	77.63	+0.42	3.49
UK Spec Sits	73.15	77.82	-0.09	2.44
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.58	29.52	+0.07	2.62
Intl Growth Acc	31.78	34.02	+0.47	0.91
Market Ldrs Acc	27.66	29.60	+0.06	2.70
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6226				
European	‡110.30	...	+1.50	..
Global Bond	‡105.80	...	+0.50	7.09
Japan Samurai	‡104.60	...	+1.60	...
UK Growth	‡103.90	...	+0.10	3.82
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.62	50.60	+0.40	1.40
Equity Gth Acc	65.15	69.23	+0.10	1.05
UK Eq General	45.01	47.83	+0.30	1.98
-do- Acc	59.44	63.16	+0.40	1.98
European Acc	45.34	48.18	+0.70	0.90
Far East Acc	60.97	64.79	+0.60	0.15
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	33.33	35.25	+0.30	5.86
N American Acc	44.28	47.05	+0.30	0.61
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	300.30	325.90	+4.00	1.35
UK Eq High Inc	38.86	41.29	+0.20	3.46
-do- Acc	46.15	49.04	+0.20	3.46
UK Lgr Cos Inc	312.30	338.90	+2.20	3.53
UK Lgr Cos Acc	406.70	441.30	+2.90	3.53
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Bucklersbury Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.71	N283.94	...	1.29
US Eq	$2.304	$2.341	...	1.14
Far East Eq	Y244.8	Y260.1	...	...
Japan Eq	Y248.7	Y264.1	...	...
FT Europe	121.30	128.50	...	2.03
FT North Am	$1.753	$1.865	...	1.29
FT Japan	Y245.8	Y261.1	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.015	$2.140	...	1.43
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	352.00	375.30	+3.40	0.32
British	1019.6	1078.7	+3.50	3.77
European	421.20	448.60	+8.40	1.30
Japan	159.90	170.00	+1.80	...
New Pacific	322.90	343.90	+4.00	0.95
Mngd Cash	95.97	95.97	...	5.17
Majority Stg	100.16	101.16	+0.04	4.84
Inv Tst	208.90	221.40	+0.20	1.61
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690399				
Equity Acc	781.00	835.30	-5.50	2.68
N America Acc	122.80	131.30	+1.40	0.08
Far East Acc	135.90	145.30	+1.80	0.31
W'wide Bond	53.68	57.60	+0.61	5.23
European	92.37	98.79	+2.06	0.66
Equity Income	90.24	96.51	+0.20	3.58
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.52	36.92	...	0.90
Managed Assets	126.15	134.93	...	2.81
UK Income	39.55	42.30	...	2.71
UK Growth	38.99	41.71	...	1.99
Worldwide Gth	33.08	35.39*	...	0.51
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	219.71	233.73*	+2.93	...
-do- Acc	241.97	257.42*	+3.22	...
British Gth	92.56	98.47	+0.99	1.78
-do- Acc	108.91	115.86	+1.17	1.78
European	108.77	115.71*	+3.25	0.55
-do- Acc	115.60	122.98*	+3.46	0.55
Extra Inc	199.57	212.31*	+0.04	3.83
-do- Acc	325.85	346.65*	+0.06	3.83
General Unit	284.50	302.66*	+3.19	2.27
-do- Acc	568.31	604.58*	+6.38	2.27
Income	347.32	369.49	+0.51	3.48
-do- Acc	721.76	767.83	+1.06	3.48
International	523.85	557.29	+8.81	0.24
-do- Acc	685.77	729.54	+11.53	0.24
Pacific	373.47	397.31	+7.07	...
-do- Acc	392.31	417.35	+7.42	...
Premier Income	54.53	56.80*	+0.34	6.57
-do- Acc	115.30	120.10*	+0.72	6.57
Nat Resources	146.74	156.11	+3.43	...
-do- Acc	161.05	171.33	+3.77	...
Selected Opps	105.05	111.76	+0.28	1.12
-do- Acc	131.52	139.91	+0.34	1.12
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	73.06	77.93	+2.66	...
-do- Acc	75.36	80.38	+2.74	...
European Opps	66.98	71.03	+1.41	0.41
-do- Acc	67.67	71.76	+1.41	0.41
Japan	97.18	103.65	+1.45	...
-do- Acc	97.18	103.65	+1.45	...
Little Dragons	83.00	88.53	+1.15	0.56
-do- Acc	85.46	91.15	+1.20	0.56
Oriental Income	47.55	50.72	+0.61	3.14
-do- Acc	60.67	64.67	+0.78	3.14
Tiger	228.77	244.02	+2.90	1.08
-do- Acc	240.35	256.37	+3.07	1.08
UK Small Cos	87.93	94.04	+0.49	1.69
-do- Acc	102.80	109.73	+0.59	1.69
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	19.91	21.18	+0.62	0.50
Pacific Basin	35.32	37.57	+1.06	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.91	38.20	...	...
Global Bond	$0.989	$1.03	-0.000	6.88
Penny Share	27.77	29.54	+1.07	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.23	53.24	...	4.81
Gilt Growth	73.36	76.34	+1.05	...
Gilt Income	56.06	57.29	+0.54	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.50	113.00	+0.50	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.719	$0.729	-0.000	...
Challenger	100.70	103.10	+1.80	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	73.40	78.08	+0.03	1.74

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	4,000	Cadbury	964	MB Caradn	1,200	Scot Power	1,000
Abbey Natl	926	Carlton C	492	Marks Spr	2,700	Sears	2,800
Alld-Lyons	836	Coats Vyla	1,500	NFC	642	Svrn Trent	254
Anglian W	320	Cm Union	477	NatWst Bk	2,100	Shell Trans	2,000
Argyll Gp	1,900	Courtaulds	1,800	Nat Power	2,700	Siebe	710
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	De La Rue	177	Nth Wst W	618	SmKl Bch	2,800
AB Foods	145	Enterpr Oil	1,100	Nthrn Fds	390	Smith Nph	1,000
BAA	869	Forte	1,100	P & O	1,100	Std Chartd	1,600
BAT Inds	2,200	GRE	2,600	Pearson	3,400	Sun Allnce	942
BOC	521	GUS A	98	PowerGen	1,600	TI Gp	1,000
BP	6,400	Gen Acc	1,000	Prudential	2,400	TSB	3,400
BT	14,000	Gen Elec	2,600	RMC	295	Tate & Lyle	954
BTR	3,100	Glaxo	5,700	RTZ	1,900	Tesco	3,800
Bk of Scot	1,900	Granada	1,100	Rank Org	786	Thames W	651
Barclays	2,600	Grand Met	1,800	Reckitt Col	706	Thrn EMI	1,000
Bass	2,000	Guinness	1,500	Redland	1,400	Tomkins	2,200
Blue Circle	1,400	HSBC	3,900	Reed Intl	1,400	Unilever	1,400
Boots	1,700	Hanson	5,200	Rentokil	566	Utd Bisc	1,400
Bowater	750	ICI	1,300	Reuters	698	Vodafone	4,700
Brit Aero	1,000	Inchcape	1,000	Rothmans	564	Warburg (SG)	972
Brit Airwys	2,900	Kingfisher	928	Ryl Ins	932	Wellcome	1,600
Brit Gas	3,500	Ladbroke	3,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,900	Whitbd 'A'	741
Brit Steel	3,400	Land Secs	501	Sainsbury	908	Wllms Hld	1,400
Burmah C	246	Legal & Gn	718	Scot Hydro	275	Wolseley	133
Cable Wire	2,400	Lloyds Bk	1,700	Scot & New	627	Zeneca	1,100

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3643.99 (same)
S&P Composite .... 462.27 (+0.37)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 21026.60 (+113.91)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7549.73 (+126.75)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 131.4 (+1.5)

Sydney: AO .... 1962.2 (+6.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1944.89 (+23.00)

FT 30 share: .... 2414.3 (+1.3)

Brussels:
General .... 6684.15 (+6.84)

Paris: CAC .... 600.51 (+6.72)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 573.70 (-1.30)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1537.21 (-0.36)
FT 500 .... 1661.43 (+0.82)
FT Gold Mines .... 194.6 (+6.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.51 (+0.48)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.49 (+0.33)
Bargains 40384
SEAQ Volume 476.1m
USM (Datastrm) .... 143.89 (-0.04)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 23	September 10	November 25	December 6

Call options were taken out on 31/8/93: Aminex, Anglo Pacific, Aran Energy, Arlen, INSTEM, Pacer Systems, Rodime, Telemetrix.

Puts: Aminex, Babcock.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
All'd Lyon	600	44	56½	64½	7½	19	24½
(*630)	650	15	29	37½	30½	45	49½
Argyll	330	22	30½	38	8½	16½	20½
(*340½)	360	9	16½	24	26	34	36½
ASDA	57	11	—	—	1½	—	—
(*66)	67	4	—	—	5	—	—
Boots	460	29	46½	56	6½	13½	18½
(*480½)	500	13½	23	33½	23	32½	37½
Br Airways	345	25	35½	—	10½	19½	—
(*359)	360	17	28	36	17½	26½	31½
BP	300	24½	31	37½	4	9	12½
(*321)	330	7½	15	20	18½	23	27
Br Steel	110	9½	14	17½	7	11	13
(*111)	120	4	9	13	13½	16½	18½
C & W	350	34	50	75½	18½	33	39½
(*362)	400	16	34½	50½	49	69½	66
CU	580	41½	—	—	6½	—	—
(*617)	625	17	—	—	30	—	—
ICI	691	45½	63½	—	12½	22	—
(*709)	750	10½	27	35½	51	58½	72
Kingfshr	550	41	58	71½	14½	24	29
(*577)	600	13½	31	45	38½	49½	54
Land Sec	650	34	52	64	8½	19	24½
(*674)	700	12	26½	38	34	45	50
M & S	360	24	31	38½	7	12	15
(*377)	390	7½	16	21	21	27	30
Nat West	460	42½	55½	60	4	11	18
(*493½)	500	16	30½	35	18½	26½	36½
Sainsbury	500	28	40½	50	13	22½	27
(*512)	550	7	17	27	44	51	55
Shell	650	27½	43	48½	11	18½	29½
(*673)	700	5½	19½	24½	42½	47	56½
Smkl Bch	420	37½	44	57½	8½	18	23
(*446)	460	16	29½	37½	28	38	43
Storehse	220	14	21	25	7	13	15
(*228)	240	5	11	15½	19	24	26½
Trafalgar	101	13	—	—	3½	—	—
(*109)	110	7½	11	14	7½	11	12½
Unilever	1050	69	89	104	10½	22½	34
(*1094)	1100	34	57	72	29	43	55½
Zeneca	700	31½	49	56	24	33½	47
(*715)	750	11½	25½	32	57	69½	76½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Oct	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grand Met	420	47½	57	62	3½	12½	16
(*459½)	460	19	32½	38	16	29	33½
Ladbroke	200	10	19	22	12	17½	24
(*202)	220	4	11	13½	26½	30½	36½
Utd Bisc	360	3½	40	49	7	15	23
(*367)	390	16	29	32½	20½	28½	37½

August 31, 1993 Tot: 29,412 Call: 15056 Put: 14356 FT-SE Call: 5631 Put: 6972
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	800	57½	66	80½	14	24	28
(*832)	850	25	38½	52½	39½	48	51½
Thames W	500	50½	52½	61	5½	8½	11½
(*540)	550	15	22	30½	26½	30	33

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	460	37½	50½	—	8½	14½	—
(*472½)	475	22½	34½	—	19	25½	—
BTR	390	19	30	33	12	17	21½
(*399)	420	6½	15½	18½	31	34	38
Br Aero	420	52½	70	78½	22½	34½	44½
(*445)	460	31	51	60½	43	56	65½
Br Telcm	420	24	29½	37	9½	17½	19½
(*428½)	460	6½	12	18	35	41½	43
Cadbury	460	38½	50½	54	8½	14	19½
(*487)	500	16	27½	31½	27½	32½	41½
Guinness	500	28	44½	51½	19	27	35½
(*510)	550	8	21	28	51	56½	64½
GEC	360	18	26	32	11½	17	19½
(*361½)	390	6	13	18	31	35	36½
Hanson	260	10½	15½	17½	10	16	18½
(*260)	280	4	7	10	26	29	31½
LASMO	140	17½	23	26½	8	12	15
(*147½)	160	8½	15	18	20	23½	26
Lucas	140	23½	27	29½	4½	7	9
(*158½)	160	9	14½	17½	13	16½	19½
Pilkingtn	140	22½	24	26½	3½	7	9
(*150)	160	9	12	15½	11½	17	18½
Prudential	330	19	28½	31	11½	15½	21½
(*339½)	360	6½	14½	17	30½	33½	38½
Redland	500	46	56½	63½	14½	19½	35
(*539)	550	18	31	38½	40	45	61½
Royal Ins	288	33½	41½	—	5½	9	—
(*315)	317	14½	24	—	17	21½	—
Tesco	220	22	30½	33	6	12½	15½
(*236½)	240	11	19	22½	15	22	25½
Vodafone	550	46	58	68	18	27½	33
(*571)	600	21	33	43½	45½	54½	59½
Williams	330	27	35½	39½	9	14	21
(*349)	360	11½	20½	24½	25½	30	36½

FT-SE INDEX (*3100)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Sep	116	74	38	15	5	2
Oct	133	94	64	38	20	11
Nov	155	119	89	64	43	29
Dec	175	140	109	83	60	44
Jun	250	—	169	—	142	—
Puts						
Sep	6	14	30	61	108	158
Oct	21	32	52	86	115	158
Nov	36	50	70	96	127	165
Dec	47	63	82	107	136	172
Jun	104	—	143	—	194	—

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	15½	29	37½	4	12½	21½
(*399½)	420	2½	14	22½	23	29½	37½
Amstrad	30	5	6½	7½	1	2½	3
(*33½)	35	1½	3	4½	3	4½	5½
Barclays	460	43	56	65	1½	7	14½
(*499)	500	11	29	39½	10½	22	31
Blue Circ	260	11½	21	28½	4½	16½	21
(*269)	280	2½	12	19	17	28½	32½
Br Gas	330	6	14½	22	4½	16	19½
(*331½)	360	1	6	10½	30	37½	39
Dixons	220	18	28	34	2½	10	15½
(*232½)	240	5½	17	23½	11½	19½	25½
Forte	220	18	25½	31½	2	9	14½
(*235)	240	4	14	21	9	19	25
Hillsdwn	160	13	19	24½	2	8½	12
(*169½)	180	2½	9	12½	13	20½	24
Lonrho	120	11	18	21½	1½	6½	9½
(*128½)	130	4	12½	16½	5½	11½	15
Sears	110	4½	8½	11½	2½	6	7½
(*112)	120	1	4	6½	10½	12½	15½
Thrn EMI	950	65½	92	106	1½	17½	25
(*1010½)	1000	24½	59½	74	11	33	44½
Tomkins	240	6	19	24½	—	12½	16½
(*241)	260	1½	9	15½	20	24½	28½
TSB	200	6½	15½	22½	4	10½	15
(*202)	220	1½	7½	11½	20	23½	27
Wellcome	700	50	74	93	4½	29½	41
(*741½)	750	14½	46½	66½	23	53½	65

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	50	62	79½	3½	25	38
(*590)	600	15½	37½	54	20½	49½	63½
HSBC	700	42½	65½	85	5½	26	46
(*733½)	750	12	39	59½	27½	51	71½
Reuter	1500	57½	117	153	11	45½	72
(*1540)	1550	29	98	125½	31½	71	96

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	20½	23½	26½	0½	5½	7
(*157½)	160	4½	12	16½	7	14½	16½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Oct	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	180	12	16	22	6	15	19
(*180½)	200	4½	8	14	22½	28	32

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastrn Elc	500	49½	57	63	5	11½	14
(*536½)	550	17½	29½	34½	24½	33	36

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	360	10	22½	30	4	13½	18½
(*365)	390	1	9	16½	26½	32½	35½
Spot Pwr	350	14½	26½	—	2	8½	—
(*361)	390	1	7½	12	30½	32	35½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3114.0	3130.0	3103.0	3107.0	9555
Previous open interest: 55876	Dec 93	3141.0	3149.0	3125.5	3130.0	2690
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.16	94.16	94.10	94.11	6383
Previous open interest: 360380	Dec 93	94.62	94.65	94.55	94.57	13020
	Mar 94	94.72	94.76	94.66	94.66	3473
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.76	96.76	96.74	96.74	502
Previous open interest: 14129	Dec 93	96.47	96.48	96.43	96.42	270
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.47	93.48	93.42	93.43	17384
Previous open interest: 673826	Dec 93	94.10	94.11	94.03	94.03	22778
Long Gilt	Sep 93	114-09	114-17	114-04	114-05	8845
Previous open interest: 96988	Dec 93	114-03	114-14	113-30	114-00	34660
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.98	112.01	111.92	111.90	568
	Dec 93	111.42	111.44	111.25	111.27	1638
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	98.02	98.20	97.94	98.07	75613
Previous open interest: 172889	Dec 93	98.13	98.33	98.09	98.22	33249
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.58	92.58	92.42	92.43	891
Previous open interest: 32748	Dec 93	93.73	93.73	93.65	93.65	471
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.85	100.92	100.82	100.85	3751
Previous open interest: 15873	Dec 93	100.97	101.07	100.95	101.01	1826
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.28	95.28	95.20	95.28	4434
Previous open interest: 53196	Dec 93	95.63	95.67	95.54	95.57	6996
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	115.00	115.45	114.45	114.75	33164
Previous open interest: 63809	Dec 93	114.60	115.30	114.40	114.61	16765

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee took a much needed breather after it's recent heady rise. The market has rallied significantly in anticipation of the producer's retention scheme, due to start on October 1. Given the current price levels, the producers have already achieved the lower price levels that they are seeking to attain, demonstrating the respect that the market has for the plan.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	794-793	Dec	897-894
Dec	829-828	Mar	909-908
Mar	852-850	May	920-919
May	864-862	Jul	932 BID
Jul	874-873		
Sep	882-881		Volume: 4657

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1322-1320	Mar	1208-1205
Nov	1259-1257	Jul	unq
Jan	1225-1219	Sep	unq
Mar	1209-1205		Volume: 4653

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot	unq	Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	263.9-61.7
Spot	293.5	Aug	269.9-67.7
Oct	267.2-66.5	Oct	261.4-58.7
Dec	259.4-57.0	Dec	263.8-59.1
Mar	260.9-60.2		Volume: 1041

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 31

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	72.60	83.12	128.37
+/-	-2.45	-3.53	-1.09
Eng/Wales:	71.40	83.42	128.14
+/-	+2.51	-2.90	-0.52
%:	-39.3	-36.5	-13.9
Scotland:	78.86	81.30	129.00
+/-	+3.50	-4.35	-2.40
%:	-51.6	-61.7	-21.9

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	..	Mar	...	unq
Sep	unq	..			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	102.15
Nov	103.25
Jan	105.40
Mar	107.40
May	109.75
	Volume: 460

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	99.65
Nov	101.80
Jan	104.00
Mar	105.80
May	107.50
	Volume: 73

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.5
Apr	77.0	77.4
May	90.0	89.8
		Volume: 35

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Oct 61.50-62.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Gains were erased when it appeared that all the Nigerian ports were loading oil without disruption.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.75	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.85	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.05	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.25	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.55	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	191 (n/c)	193 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	161 (-1)	162 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	164 (-1)	164 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	167 (-1)	168 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	61 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	158 (-2)	160 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Sep	162.00-62.25	Dec	169.50-69.75
Oct	165.00-65.25	Jan	170.50-71.00
Nov	167.25-67.50	Feb	170.50-71.25
			Vol: 16704

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	17.05-17.06	Jan	17.52-17.54
Nov	17.22-17.25	Feb	n/a
Dec	17.40 SLR		Vol: 21828

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	181.00-84.50	Dec	n/a
Oct	176.00-83.00	Jan	n/a
Nov	179.50 SLR		Vol. 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	unq	unq	1446
Sep 93	1400	1400	1393
Oct 93	1436	1429	1430
Nov 93	1465	1460	1460

Vol. 50 lots. Open int'st: 3456 Index 1434 -7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1974.0-1975.0	1945.0-1946.0	1512375
Lead ($/tonne)	382.50-383.00	396.50-397.00	76650
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	875.00-875.50	889.00-889.50	428275
Tin ($/tonne)	4682.0-4687.0	4735.0-4740.0	9965
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1146.0-1146.5	1167.0-1167.5	1166200
Nickel ($/tonne)	4522.0-4525.0	4575.0-4576.0	61440

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.5 (day's range 80.5-80.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 31	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8020-2.8195	2.8020-2.8055	⅛-⅜ds	⅜-⅝ds
Brussels	53.15-53.50	53.21-53.41	18-24ds	38-55ds
Copenhagen	10.2120-10.3460	10.2120-10.2340	4⅞-5⅞ds	11⅝-13⅞ds
Dublin	1.0648-1.0761	1.0648-1.0667	7-11ds	17-25ds
Frankfurt	2.4960-2.5096	2.4950-2.4983	⅛-⅜ds	½-⅞ds
Lisbon	254.32-255.47	254.34-255.26	109-122ds	320-360ds
Madrid	200.30-203.32	200.30-200.74	82-95ds	213-261ds
Milan	2381.30-2399.30	2381.30-2386.00	7-9ds	20-22ds
Montreal	1.9621-1.9867	1.9621-1.9643	0.27-0.18ds	0.47-0.36ds
New York	1.4865-1.4995	1.4865-1.4875	0.37-0.35pr	0.99-0.97pr
Oslo	10.8060-10.9170	10.8060-10.8290	⅛-⅞ds	½-1⅛ds
Paris	8.6960-8.7780	8.6960-8.7170	1⅛-1⅜ds	3-3⅜ds
Stockholm	12.1380-12.1920	12.1380-12.1620	2-2⅞ds	5⅛-6⅜ds
Tokyo	155.41-156.36	155.41-155.67	⅞-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.56-17.67	17.57-17.60	⅜-1⅞ds	2⅜-4⅜ds
Zurich	2.1938-2.2073	2.1988-2.2018	¼-⅛pr	⅜-⅜pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4885-1.4910
Australia dollar	2.2208-2.2240
Bahrain dinar	0.5595-0.5715
Brazil cruzeiro*	139.06-140.36
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland marka	8.737-8.853
Greece drachma	350.5-357.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.5556-11.5650
India rupee	45.74-47.70
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4465-0.4565
Malaysia ringgit	3.7973-3.8014
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.6980-2.7048
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5595-5.6855
Singapore dollar	2.3923-2.3955
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9615-7.0407
S Africa rand (com)	5.0215-5.0295
U A E dirham	5.448-5.576

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4889-1.4900
Austria	11.82-11.83
Belgium (Com)	35.75-35.85
Canada	1.3200-1.3205
Denmark	6.87-6.88
France	5.85-5.86
Germany	1.678-1.679
Hong Kong	7.7477-7.7487
Ireland	1.3945-1.3960
Italy	1600.0-1602.0
Japan	104.65-104.75
Malaysia	2.546-2.547
Netherlands	1.886-1.887
Norway	7.28-7.29
Portugal	171.0-171.5
Singapore	1.604-1.605
Spain	134.75-134.95
Sweden	8.175-8.185
Switzerland	1.4777-1.4787

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Interbank:	6-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

Overnight: open 6, close 6½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.09-3.05	n/a	3.11-3.09	3.28-3.25	3.47-3.43
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1993. Agreed rates Sept 26, 1993 to Oct 25, 1993. Scheme III: 7.15 %. Reference rate July 31, 1993 to August 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.896 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅜-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7-6⅞	6⅞-6⅝	6⅝-6½	6⅜-6¼	8-7
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	7⅞-7⅝	7⅝-7⅜	6⅞-6⅝	7-6
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-4⅞	4⅞-4⅝	4⅞-4⅝	4⅞-4⅝	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-2⅞	3-2⅞	2⅞-2⅝	2⅞-2⅝	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $370.40-370.80 Close: $371.40-371.90 High: $372.30-372.80 Low: $369.85-370.35 Krugerrand: $370.00-373.00 (£248.50-250.50)

Sovereigns: Old $86.00-89.00 (£57.00-59.00) New $86.00-89.00 (£57.00-59.00)

Platinum: $384.00 (£257.70) Silver: $4.84 (£3.25) Palladium: $125.75 (£84.40)

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All square at the close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 16. Dealings end September 3. §Contango day September 6. Settlement day September 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Nt	400	- 7	11.5	3.6	18.4
284	179	Allied Irish	270	+ 2	...	3.8	15.0
197½	130	Anz New Z	194	...	...	4.6	...
3800¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3125	+37½	...	...	4.9	20.3
255	177	Bk of Ireland	251	+ 3	...	...	4.9	20.3
350	235	Bk Lavani Uk	350	...	17.0	6.1	...	...
176	116½	Bank Scotland	173	+ 2	4.5	3.3	34.5
577	362	Barclays	499	- 9	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Benchmark	4¼	...	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Cerfidc	19½	...	...	...	...	...
568	395	Cater Allen	503	+ 2	27.0	6.0	...	...
151	81	Cattles	151	+ ½	...	3.5	19.9
3480	1787½	Chase Manh	2287½	+ 6½	...	...	...	...
2349½	1345½	Citicorp	2180¾	+ 6½	...	...	...	...
433	250	Close Bros	432	+11	...	...	2.7	19.2
1309½	927½	Commerzbk	£1265½	...	...	...	2.1	...
£2171	£1560½	Deutsche Bk	£1399½	+18½	...	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	87	+ 1	...	...	0.7	...
1051	576	Fuji Bank Y	1508	...	...	...	0.4	...
498	343	Gerrard Nat	490	+ 1	21.5	5.5	13.0
774	498	HSBC	734	+ 1	19.0	3.3	17.4
752	474	HSBC Hk	721	+ 4	19.0	3.3	17.1
389	243	Hambros	372	+ 2	14.0	4.7	17.2
378	313	Joseph (L)	378	+15	16.6	5.5	...
155	96	King Shaxson	151	...	9.0	7.5	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	506	...	16.0	4.0	17.5
591	492	Lloyds	554	- 3	18.4	4.2	15.8
89	63	Lon Scot Bk	88	...	...	...	3.0	4.3	17.4
516	322	Nat Aust Bk	516	+16	...	...	3.9	17.9
512	398	Nat West	494	- 2	17.5	4.4	30.0
445	270	Provident	443	+ 5	11.4	3.2	19.2
54	39	Ren Bros	51	- 1	0.5	1.2	28.9
305	207	Rpl Bk Scot	276	- 7	8.8	4.0	...
1268	467½	Schroders	1268	+20	...	...	1.1	28.3
934	576	Stand Chart	920	+ 4	20.0	2.2	...
218	149½	TSB	202	+ 1	6.4	4.0	...
190	78	Union Disc	180	...	...	...	...	...
813	529	Warburg SG	815	+ 4	...	...	2.9	20.5
286	185	-do- 6% 'A'	285	...	...	...	2.9	...
7650	4843½	Wells Fargo	7762½	+37½	...	...	2.7	...
187	123	Westpac	186	+ 2	...	...	4.1	...
280	188	Wintrust	280 †	...	9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

646	517	Allied-Lyons	630	- 3	...	4.2	17.0
567	441	Bass	502	...	18.9	4.7	10.9
299	189	Boddington	281	+ 1	7.3	3.2	10.9
447	362	Bulmer (HP)	445	+ 4	...	2.9	19.4
469	329	Burtonwd Bw	454	...	4.7	2.9	12.9
241	161	Dewsnaps (JA)	404	+12	7.8	2.4	22.8
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'a	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
168	93	Fosters Brewing	96	+ 2	...	4.8	7.8
410	338	Fullr Sm 'A'a	410	...	7.4	2.3	17.6
480	383	Grand Met	480	+ 2	12.3	3.3	15.2
427	342	Greenalls Grp	392	+16	11.7	3.8	13.0
572	505	Greene King	569	...	...	2.7	16.1
521	437	Guinness	500	- 5	...	2.8	18.2
281	230	Hardy Hansen	265	...	7.9	3.7	14.7
125	105	Henstreet	115	...	3.3	2.9	27.4
353	265	Highland Dist	340	- 1	8.0	2.3	24.4
3438	2538	Holt J	2950	...	41.0	1.7	19.2
80	33	Hoskins Brew	73	...	...	...	2.7	32.6
323	250	Invergordn Dist	295	...	...	...	3.0	16.8
186	154	Macallan-Glen	159	...	0.4	0.7	35.7
465	375	Macdn Mann 'A'	375	...	...	...	2.9	12.9
218	164	Mansfield	218	+ 2	...	...	2.2	15.6
350	231	Mcgaw Thmp	284	...	...	...	2.4	17.2
460	328½	Matthew Clark	460 †	+ 2	...	...	4.6	13.5
300	253	Morydwn W	290 †	...	...	7.0	3.0	...
545	455	Morland	530	...	...	8.4	2.0	21.1
12	6½	Paramounta	9½	...	...	...	2.1	17.3
181	145	Regent Inns	181	...	...	...	2.1	14.0
975	753	SA Breweries	896	+5.5	...	...	3.0	16.9
497	408	Scot & Nwe	480	- 2	...	...	4.4	14.9
265	171	Shepson Cider	215	- 4	6.0	3.5	17.8
295	213	Shipstone Group	295	+ 7	9.3	4.6	17.8
302	225	Wetherspoon (J)	297	...	...	2.0	24.0
546	435	Whitbread 'A'	544	+10	...	2.2	24.6
1180	850	-do- 'B'	1158	+ 3	...	1.9	25.1
613	485	Wolverhmpton D	504	+ 1	11.6	2.8	14.2
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

120	73	Abbey	120	...	...	8.5	...
27	13	Albrightonm a	20	...	...	...	...
121	87	Allena	116	...	...	5.4	26.3
107	65	Amec	94	- 1	3.0	4.0	17.4
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...	...
277	155	Ashtead	226 †	+ 3	4.5	2.1	...
142	101	Attwoods	119	- 1	5.0	5.3	17.9
255	180	BPB Ind	248	- 2	...	3.8	42.7
99	57	Baggeridge Brk	86	...	...	3.1	4.5	28.9
21	18	Bailey (Geo) Con	20	...	...	0.5	...	...
108	74	Barcrom	107	...	...	1.8	19.4
56½	32½	Bardon	50	+ ½	2.0	5.0	24.6
162	96	Barratt Devs	161	...	2.0	1.6	17.9
431	305	Bellway	426	...	...	3.4	26.3
37	15	Bellwinch	33	- 2	...	...	...	...
446	295½	Berkeley Gp	436	...	...	...	1.7	27.3
116	45	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
68	36	Blockleys	58	...	1.0	2.3	64.1
200	139	Blue Circle	198	- 1	...	5.3	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	226	...	9.0	3.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
131	82	Br Dredging	117	...	...	5.2	5.6	26.0
91	48	Brit Fixings	66	...	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	143	...	...	4.8	4.2	30.6
88	53	CALA	88	...	...	2.3	...	...
293	205	CRH	280	+ 1	...	...	2.9	20.1
43	18	Calcbread Hy	38	...	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	38	...	...	...	...	...
140	89½	Countrystde	137	...	...	...	3.7	36.2
75	38	Crest Nicholson	73	...	...	0.0	...	...
69	27	Cussins	58	...	...	1.3	...	...
3½	1½	Dentona	3	...	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hdgs	19	- 1	0.5	3.3	...
275	178	Epwin	225	...	...	6.8	3.1	23.1
53	32	Erith	52	...	...	0.8	2.1	...
453	252	Eve Gramps a	453	...	...	...	2.8	16.4
6½	3½	Explazuza	5	...	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gps	138	...	...	4.8	20.7
78	52	Galliford	78	...	4.3	...	19.3
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	60	+ 2	...	2.1	...	...
916	695	Gleeson (M.J)	915	...	12.7	1.7	14.8
1350	950	Hewden-Stuart	1190	+ 1	...	3.0	30.8
51	28	Hiveryson	45 †	...	...	2.5	20.2
319	180	Hoyal Wm	306	...	12.5	5.1	...
170	97	Higgs & Hill	117	- ½	2.5	2.7	...
35	26	How Gp	32	...	...	5.9	...
21	15	Howard Hdgs	21 †	...	0.5	3.0	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	77	...	1.6	1.6	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
314	196	Lilley (J)	299	+ 6	9.8	3.8	12.0
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	126	...	...	...	...
95	55	Ln Clydesdale	90	...	...	4.5	6.3	33.9
23	17½	Lovell (Y.J)	17½	...	...	...	4.7	7.9
341	240	Manders	334	...	9.0	3.5	19.8
168	93	Marley	159	+ 1	4.2	3.3	46.6
102	61	Marshalls	102	...	...	4.9	20.3
175	122	Maundcen (J)	175	+ 2	4.9	3.6	15.8
215	96	Mcalpine (A)	213	...	6.5	3.9	36.4
37½	23	McCarthy & S	32	+ 2	0.5	...	...
386	222	Meyer Int	368	- 4	...	3.4	36.9
128	62	Mowlem (J)	126	- 1	4.0	4.0	...
135	51	NSM	126	- 7	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler a	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
171	105	Newman Tnks	165	...	...	6.1	21.6
300	197	Persimmon	284	+ 3	8.6	3.0	29.0
32	21	Phoenix Timber	28	...	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	134	+ 1	3.4	3.2	...
4	2	Quilfagrotha	2½	...	...	...	...	...
823	555	RMC Gp	784	- 4	...	3.3	30.8
117	79	Raine Ind	98	...	6.0	6.1	15.5
39	22	Ramsays	32	...	...	...	...	...
573	402	Redland	527	- 4	35.0	5.8	12.5
79	64	Rexine	79	...	4.3	6.8	21.0
296	207	Rugby Group	294	...	6.4	2.9	21.8
62	23	Rvrfld-Rve	42	+ 1	...	0.7	...	...
115	68	Sharpe & Fisher	111	...	...	4.5	15.1
251	186	Sheffield Ind	220	...	...	3.1	14.0
190	82	Sheriff Hdgs a	150	...	...	1.7	22.4
95	66	Shorcon	81	- 1	...	8.3	17.9
240	196	Smart (J)	235	- 4	8.5	4.5	10.7
9½	7½	Stanvon	9½	...	...	0.3	8.8	...
1575	103	Tarmac	156	...	8.5	4.4	...	...
144	137	Tay Homes	137	...	5.8	4.1	11.3
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	126	- 6	1.0	1.0	...	...
825	435	Tilbury Dougls	620	- 4	33.0	6.7	20.2
38	19	Toren Hldgs a	34	...	...	...	...	...
247	168	Trafalg Perkins	239	...	...	8.0	4.2	42.1
40	30	Try Group	33	...	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudora	26	...	...	...	1.3	...
85	47	Ultraplant	81	+ 2	2.5	3.9	28.7
35	20	Ward Hdgs	28	...	...	...	...	...
58	25	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	433	- 1	...	3.5	18.7
38	5	Weccoa	23	...	...	...	...	...
104	69	Westbury	104	...	5.0	3.8	25.6
12	4½	West Scaffldg a	7½	...	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...	...
641	371	Wilson Bowdn	441	...	8.7	2.5	30.3
265	147	Wilson (C)	195	+ 2	3.9	2.3	15.8
164	104	Wimpey G	159	+ 3	...	3.5	...
47	25	YRM	35	- 1	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

675	463	ADT	668	...	13.0	6.6	6.2
248	168	Admin a Harvey	228	...	...	4.0	20.6
92	56	Air London a	75	+ 2	3.0	5.8	9.3
59	37	African Lakes	49	...	2.0	5.1	...
158	125	Asso Sec	154	- 2	...	4.3	27.6
84	59	BET Ord	77	- 2	...	5.2	20.3
160	61	BNB Res	160	...	4.9	6.1	...
348	258	BPP	309 †	- 2	8.0	3.1	17.0
286	195	Barbour Index	280	...	8.0	4.5	...
24	15	Beaumont	24	...	0.7	3.6	...
284	184	Brt Data Mgt	241	...	...	2.1	20.1
26	11	Broadcastlie a	25	...	...	1.3	19.7
73	54	Brooks Service	66	...	...	...	...	...
104	86	CH Gp	101	...	2.8	3.5	...
193	139½	Capital Group	193 †	...	...	1.4	30.1
65	31	Cedar Plc	44 †	...	...	2.3	16.9
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	20	+ ½	...	...	...	...
31	28	Christie	46	...	...	...	...	...
370	228	Combs Sec	369	...	...	1.6	22.9
100	18	Comasa	94	...	...	2.0	23.5
30	9	Comp Services	26	...	...	...	...	...
32	20	Couns Craig	29	...	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dari	110	...	3.3	3.0	14.9
258	198	Davis Service	243	- 6	...	4.1	18.3
104	88	Elf Facts	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
23	11	Gardiner	23	...	0.6	...	2.2	30.9
297	215	Hays	268	- ½	4.6	2.5	24.4
241	174	Hogg Robinsn	237	+ 2	...	3.3	18.0
70	55	Holmes Protectn	65	...	...	...	...	2.1
203	127	Hunch Winsmp	203	+ 9	...	2.3	12.3
284	175	ISS D DKr	1925	...	...	5.5	25.5
1125	975	Ismos Sec	991	+11	...	2.9	20.5
863	669	Johnson Clean	833 †	...	25.7	3.9	18.2
12	2	Lep	10½	...	...	...	...	...
287	173	Mitie Gp	287 †	+ 2	3.5	1.5	22.3
1187	893	Manpower	1108	+ 7	...	...	...	...
61	40½	Michael Page	61	+ 1	...	1.8	37.2	25.9
61	40	Minorplace	57	...	...	...	7.5	8.3
4	2	Prince Peoples a	2½	...	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alen	123	+ 1	...	12.2	6.8
425	337	RCD	352	...	12.8	3.6	11.9
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
158	110	Reed Executive	146	+ 1	...	...	...	...
158	110	Reliance Secs	115 †	...	...	4.9	...
258	179	Rentokil	217	...	2.3	1.3	27.0
253	225	Rotle & Nolan	225	...	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	385	- 3	...	2.5	21.1
37	26	Sens Frederick a	37	+ 1	...	2.7	11.8
6½	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...	...
1068	695	Serco Gp	1035	+ 7	14.0	1.6	30.0
72	52½	Sherry Dunps	155	...	...	3.9	22.6
130	90	Shrtsley	99	...	...	3.9	22.6
359	310	Warner Howrd	342	...	6.5	2.4	17.9
45	27	Welpac	33	...	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wilis Gp	24½	...	...	0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

268	220	Allied Colloids	226	- 2	...	2.3	20.9
661	613	Amersham	655	+ 1	...	2.0	29.6
7	1½	Anglo Ltd	2	...	...	...	...	...
6405¼	5325	BASF DM	6102¾	+200	...	3.1	...
297	199	BTP	289	...	...	4.0	19.9
1120	810½	Bayer DM50	1129	+37½	...	4.4	...
178	134	Biggart	165 †	+ 2	9.5	...	...	18.0
365	53	Brent Chemcls	113	+ 1	...	...	8.3	10.2
360	243	Br Bio-Tech	360	+ 1	...	...	...	...
29	15	Cairn Gp	13	...	...	12.8	36.1
157	95½	Camrex (N)	146	...	7.2	6.2	16.2
606	504	Corrosshld	564	- 3	...	3.1	15.0
386	228	Croda	365	+ 1	...	3.5	20.0
148	121	Ecclstn	136	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
78	58	Elm & Everard	78	...	7.0	4.0	...
34½	17½	Euro Colour	34	...	½	0.5	2.9	20.8
750	550	Hardcastl Pt	726	+ 1	...	...	2.3	18.2
241	162	Hickson	188	+ 3½	...	...	3.1	...
6116	3880	Hoechst	5111½	+37½	...	...	2.1	20.1
225	195	Holliday Chems	220	...	...	...	2.3	16.9
8½	6¾	Ics	7¼ †	-16	...	...	4.8	...
688	576	Laporte	636	...	10.5	3.3	17.5

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
223	181	Leigh	218 †	+ 1	...	4.5	21.0
97½	35	MTM	84	...	...	...	...	...
1900	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1850	...	...	1.6	26.3
464	370	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.2	19.9
419	300	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
296	221	Plysu	234	+ 5	...	3.7	15.3
369	173	Porvair	349	+ 1	3.6	1.0	20.0
70	35	Sanitite Speak	61	...	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	477	- 2	16.0	4.2	10.2
498	395	Wiesbkne R	490	...	17.0	4.3	16.8
401	330	Yorks Chem	370 †	...	...	2.5	20.3
306	238	Yule Catto	272	+ 2	5.9	2.9	16.6
715	593	Zeneca	714	...	...	4.9	41.6

DRAPERY, STORES

102	88	Alexon	96 †	- 1	...	5.7	...
52	42	Amber Day	77	...	3.1	5.0	21.1
344	252	Argos Plc	340	- 3	...	2.6	28.8
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	...	...	4.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	107	+ 3	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	301	...	5.1	2.1	20.9
134	94	Austin Reed	133	...	...	2.3	...
158	125	Bennie (J) 'A'	158	+ 1	...	4.8	15.6
121	94	Bentalls	108	...	1.9	2.9	...
278	208	Bestwynde	235	- 1	...	2.3	...
39	22	Blacks Leis	38 †	...	2.3	7.4	...
222	133	Body Shop	198	- 2	...	1.1	25.1
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	0.6	7.8
401	318	Brown (N)	395	...	...	13.2	23.2
89½	64½	Burton	76	- 1½	...	4.0	...
148	126	Camcors	145	...	...	2.3	19.3
360	295	Church	348	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
105	92	Clinton Cards	103	...	4.3	4.5	18.5
250½	212	Cmas Vgella	250	+ 2	...	...	3.6	20.4
113	78	Colorvision a	102 †	...	...	5.6	6.0	18.5
700	574	Courts Furnish	699	...	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
156	115	Crown Eyea	136 †	...	...	...	6.5	9.2
259	189	Daby Fitzm Ind	127	+ 3	...	...	2.8	19.0
63	51½	Dewhirst (J)	63	...	...	1.0	1.3	26.6
231	189	Dixons Grp	203	- 4	...	3.3	14.8
413	330	Dunhill	398	- 3	8.1	2.0	15.5
21	12½	ERA Gp	15	...	...	2.3	30.3
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	520	...	16.0	3.0	17.8
166	71	Essex Pass	166	...	...	2.1	28.1
223½	203	Etam	223	+ 2	6.0	3.2	25.0
208	169	Fine Art Dev	199	- 1	12.7	2.7	19.2
90	26	Fired Earth Tiles	39	...	...	...	...	...
588	486	Formlnaster	548	...	14.0	3.2	9.9
156	24	French Conns a	152	...	...	...	...	...
158	24	French Conns a	157	...	...	...	...	...
71	43	Gent SR	71	...	2.0	3.4	21.4
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	67	...	0.3	0.6	...	...
3725	2400	GUS	3675	+15	...	1.8	28.8
2113	1553	-do- 'A'	2038	- 8	...	2.8	15.8
34	31	Hampden Grps	33	...	...	3.6	16.6
277	20	Harrisons	69	- 4	...	5.8	...	...
29½	20	Helene Pic	25½	...	2.0	9.8	12.1
71	38	Honeysuckle a	71	...	...	...	...	...
68	38	Jacques Vert	121 †	...	...	0.4	34.8
496	356	Kleinfeldnt	478	...	...	5.2	15.3
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70 †	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
686	498	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.3
320	241	Lloyds Chem	282	+ 8	5.5	2.4	11.1
152	120	MFI	143	+ 2	...	2.3	30.3
379	311	Maids Spencer	377	+ 2	...	2.3	17.7
584	445	Mencier (John)	564	+ 7	...	2.4	15.8
2017	1805	Micro Focus	1995	+ 3	...	1.8	18.4
227	147	Mucrogen	172	...	7.2	5.3	11.7
349	259	Microvitec	329	- 2	2.5	1.5	24.2
529	357	Misys	509	+ 1	7.0	1.7	...
457	98	Mitel	408	-21	...	...	...	...
138	108	Mktg Camps	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
35	16	Molyns	33½	...	1.3	3.9	...
272	202	MTL Instn	263	...	...	1.9	18.3
165	105	Multitone Elect	117	...	3.5	3.7	...
218	116	Murray Exter	218	...	1.8	1.1	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6412½	...	...	...	...	...
138	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...	...
178	98	Norbain a	178	...	...	1.0	14.6
75	30	Northumbsnr	60	...	0.6	1.3	...
19	9	Osmonics	14	...	...	...	...	...
34	15	Oxford Inst	282 †	...	...	...	...	...
22½	15½	P-E Intercnl	65	...	...	1.0	19	...
31½	28	P & P	27	- 4	1.4	2.7	35.0
80	55	Peak	72	...	3.4	5.5	20.1
222	115	Pegasus a	192	...	...	2.6	...	68.8
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.3	...	...
1312½	725	-do- Ltsp 89	1312½	+50	...	...	...	...
294	211	Pizzahtlds	248	- 2	...	...	...	...
370	343	Pittis	370	- 1	...	3.7	14.3
350	303	-do- 'A' Voting	350 †	+ 9	...	1.9	24.7
98	68	Plasmeca	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
116	76	Pressac	115	...	2.4	2.6	25.2
181	81	Pringle A	174	+ 8	...	4.2	20.8
160	140	Rami Elect	160	...	4.2	2.6	15.5
70	45	Radamec	68	...	...	1.0	13.5
70	31	Radmus	36	...	2.7	...	12.4
62	41	Rmi Time a	57 †	...	...	4.9	...	...
35	18	Rtwa	26	...	...	...	...	33.0
628	380	Sage Gp	590	- 5	9.0	2.0	29.5
342	223	Sanderson Elec	331	+ 6	9.0	3.4	14.1
63	49	Scantronic	62	...	3.1	4.8	30.7
158	117	Scholes Gp	158	...	5.0	3.2	20.1
371	270	Sinon Gp	365	+ 1	2.8	1.0	29.6
42	26	Simplex	40	...	...	...	3.1	...
50	37	Soundtracks a	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2695	1773½	TDX	2670	-42½	...	1.3	27.3
27	4½	TDS Circuits a	14	...	...	...	...	...
180	80	Telemetrix	178	- 2	0.8	0.6	20.3
1087	809	TEKTRONIX	1089	+ 3	...	4.0	20.6
111	98	Thorpe FW	108	...	5.0	2.4	11.1
103	63	Total Systems a	64	...	...	3.0	5.9	11.3
506	372	Tunstall	500	...	6.0	1.5	20.3
284	164	Unitech	284 †	+ 3	...	2.5	27.3
69	51	Verity	69	...	...	...	...	...
35	24

How the Vacancies Service works

Courses are filling up fast in the arts and social sciences. Many have already been removed from *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service, which returns to the subjects today.

Clearing began officially yesterday, and admissions officers expect places to be scarce in the most popular areas. Business studies and geography were going quickly yesterday, and some language courses were also turning away applicants.

The few remaining courses available at the London School of Economics have now been removed from clearing. And the Roehampton Institute, in west London, which had vacancies on a large number of courses last week, is also full.

Admissions officers at Roehampton said that the pattern had followed that of previous years, but the publicity given to the squeeze on arts places had heightened the anxiety of applicants. Offers had been made and accepted more quickly than in 1992.

Recruitment to language courses has been patchy, with French and Spanish courses generally filling up more quickly than those for German or Russian. Queen Mary and Westfield College, in London University, has found its joint honours degrees involving French or Hispanic studies particularly popular.

Today's listing does feature some new courses, however.

Those on this page all had places available yesterday.

The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one.

Most new universities and colleges of higher education do not publish predicted entry requirements. Candidates with other qualifications should contact the university to establish course requirements. The courses are listed under subject headings, and combined subject *degrees may appear in more than one section.* Full details of each course are contained in the UCCA and PCAS handbooks.

Any applicants who were not offered a place by the end of last week will have been sent clearing instructions by the two admissions bodies. The process is also open to new applicants. Neither UCCA nor PCAS allocates places, but both can be contacted in the event of problems with a clearing application. Enquiries about specific courses should be addressed directly to the university or college.

A number of helplines are operating during the clearing period, which finishes on September 24. The official service, operated from Middlesex University, can be contacted on 081 801 3000 (a queuing system prevents the number from ringing engaged, but often means a long wait for callers.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from *universities' own returns. Not all institutions* are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

Tomorrow we return to vacancies in science subjects. In Monday's science listing, incorrect entry requirements appeared for courses in geology and earth studies at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. Applicants for geology (F600) require 15 points and for earth studies (F910) the estimate is 17 points.

UCCA

ACCOUNTANCY
Buckingham: NN43 (12), N4N3 (12), N4L1 (12)
Kent: N400 (16)
Reading: LN14
Salford: TN94 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: N400 (20), LN14 (20)
Wales, Bangor: N400 (16)

AMERICAN STUDIES
Salford: G4NC (24), F102 (18)

ANCIENT HISTORY
SOAS: Q900 (10)
St Andrews: V110 (BCC), QV71 (BCC), QV61 (BCC)

ARCHAEOLOGY
Edinburgh: V670 (CCC)
Glasgow: V602 (16)
Wales, Bangor: V1V6 (10) V1V0 (10)

ARCHITECTURE
Bath: K100 (19)
Strathclyde: K100 (BBB), K1T2 (BBB)

ART
Wales, Aberystwyth: W150 (16+)

ASIAN STUDIES
SOAS: T540 (20), T550 (20), T520 (20), T530 (20), TTM2 (20), T555 (20), T560 (20), T510 (20), T525 (20), Q955 (20), T535 (20), T505 (20), T537 (20), T500 (20)
Wales: St David's: GT56 (12)

BUSINESS STUDIES
Buckingham: N120 (12), C8N1 (12)
Ulster: F9N1 (14), N1T4 (14)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C7N1 (10), N122 (20)

CELTIC
St Mary's Coll: CQ15, FQ15
Wales, Aberystwyth: Q500 (18)

CLASSICS
Kent: Q810 (16), Q820 (16)
St Andrews: Q811 (BCC), Q810 (BCC)

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: P434, LP33, MP93, PQ33
Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

COMMUNITY STUDIES
Bradford & Ilkley Community Coll: *L521, L510, N753*
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: N1W1, NX12, *L523*
Edge Hill Coll: LM3X, MTX5, M910, LM8X, MVX1

CREATIVE ARTS
Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

DRAMA
Kent: RW14 (20), RW15 (20), RW34 (20), RW35 (20)
London, Queen Mary & West: RZW4 (20), R2WK (20), R8W4 (20), R8WK (20), WR42 (20), WR48 (20)
St Mary's Coll: WFL1, GW14

DUTCH
London, UC: T222 (12), TR22 (14)
SOAS: TTM2 (20)

ECONOMICS
Buckingham: L100/L112 (12)
Essex: L100 (20)
Exeter: L100, L142, L141, L137, L131
Hull: L100 (18)
London, Goldsmiths: Y615 (12)
London, UC: LG14
Reading: L100 (20), L112 (20), L130 (14), LN14 (20)
SOAS: L100 (18), LV11 (18)
Salford: FL11 (10)
Strathclyde: G1L1 (CDD)
Ulster: L100 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: L100 (16), LN15 (16), LN14 (20)
Wales, Bangor: L100 (16)

EDUCATION
Wales, Aberystwyth: VX13 (20)

EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: E5Y1, E5W2, E5W1
Edge Hill Coll: E2V8, E2EX, E4G1, E4V8, E2EX, E2G1
St Mary's Coll: E4F1

EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: E7W2
St Mary's Coll: E747, E757, E758, E750, E752

ENGLISH
Buckingham: Q3V1 (8), Q300 (8), QV31 (8), V1Q3 (8pts)
Edge Hill Coll: Q300, R1Q3, LQ33, LQ83, PQ33, QV31, QT32, MQ93
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3R2 (8), Q3T9 (12), Q3V8 (8)
London, Goldsmiths: QV31 (20)
St Mary's Coll: QF31
Wales, St David's: Q306 (16)

ETHNIC STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: LT35, MTX5, RT15, LT85, TV51

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Bradford: T202, T200
Edge Hill Coll: LT32, QT32, LT82, MTY2
Kent: R141 (18), R211 (16), R311 (16), T202 (18)
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3T2 (8), R2T2 (8), T2R1 (8), T2R2 (8), T2T9 (12), T2V8 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: R2T2 (16) WR48 (20)
SOAS: T685 (10)
Salford: T2T9 (20), F101 (14), F103 (14), F3R2/F3RF (8), H3T2, H2T2, T9T2 (20)
Strathclyde: K1T2 (BBB), H2T2 (CCC), H1N1 (CCC)
Buckingham: N140, Y220, L1T2 (10), M351 (8)

FINANCE
Wales, Aberystwyth: N400 (20)
Wales, Bangor: N400 (16), N340

FRENCH
Edge Hill Coll: R1Q3, LR31, RT15, LR81, RV11
Hull: F1R1 (12), G1R1 (12)
Kent: R101 (18), R141 (18), RR12 (16), RR13 (16), RW14 (20), RW15 (20)
La Sainte Union Coll: R1L8 (8), T2R1 (8)
London, Goldsmiths: R100 (12), RR12 (10)
Manchester: RR81 (12)
Reading: R100 (18pts), NR11 (20)
Salford: G5R1 (14)
UMIST: QR11 (14), GR51 (14), R110 (14)
Wales, Bangor: R101 (15)
Wales, St David's: GR51 (10), R101 (10)

GEOGRAPHY
Edge Hill Coll: LV81, L800, LL38, LQ83, LT85, LM8X, LR81
Exeter: F800
Glasgow: F800 (16), FF68 (16)
La Sainte Union Coll: R1L8(8)
St Mary's Coll: FC81, FF81, GF18
Ulster: F806 (12), F801 (14), F800 (14)
Wales, St David's: L300 (16)

GERMAN
Bath: NR12 (24pt)
Hull: G1R2 (12)
Kent: RR12 (16), R200 (16), R211 (16)
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3R2 (8), R2T2 (8), T2R2 (8)
London, Goldsmiths: R200 (8), RR12 (8)
London, Queen Mary & Westfield: GR52 (18), R2W4 (20), R2WK (20), WR42 (20), *R200 (18), GR12 (18),* R201 (18), R202 (18), R2N1 (18), R2T2 (18), RQ21 (18), RQ2C (18), RR2V (18), RR82 (16), RT2F (18), TTGY (18), TTYG (18), WR42 (20)
London, Royal Holloway: R200 (18)
London, UC: R200 (20), RR27 (14), TR22 (14)
Manchester: RR82 (12), RR8G (12)
Reading: NR12 (20)
Salford: G5R2 (14)
UMIST: GR52 (14), R202 (14)
Wales, Bangor: R224 (15)
Wales, St David's: GR52 (10), R200 (10)

GREEK
Kent: Q700 (16)
St Andrews: QV71 (BCC), QV78 (BCC), Q700 (BCC), QQ79 (BCC), QQ67 (BCC), QV7W (BCC)

HEBREW
London, UC: Q960 (18)
St Andrews: QV98 (BCC), QQ79 (BCC), Q960 (BCC) (18), QV9V (BCC)
SOAS: Q965 (10)

HISTORY
Buckingham: V130 (8), QV31 (8), Q3V1 (8), V1Q3 (8)
Edge Hill Coll: V100, LV31, QV31, TV51, MVX1, TV21, MVY1, MV91
London, Goldsmiths: V100 (18), QV31 (20)
London, UC: V500 (20), V149 (18)
SOAS: LV11 (18), V100 (14)
St Mary's Coll: VF11
Wales, Bangor: V100 (16), V1V6 (16), V1VP (16) V1VQ (16), V141 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: P100 (18), VX13 (20)
Wales, St David's: V100 (14)

HISTORY OF ART
Buckingham: V430 (8)

HOME ECONOMICS
Wales, Cardiff: N750 (16)

HOTEL AND CATERING
Buckingham: N120/N127 (12)
Ulster: N740 (14)
Wales, Cardiff: N700

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
Kent: N610 (14)

IRISH STUDIES
St Mary's Coll: FQ15

ITALIAN
Kent: R311 (16), RR13 (16), RW34 (20), RW35 (20)
London, UC: R300 (14)
London, Royal Holloway: R300
Reading: NR13 (20)
UMIST: RR83 (12), RR8H (12)

JAPANESE STUDIES
Salford: F3TK/F3T4 (8), G5T4 (14)
Ulster: N1T4 (14)

JEWISH STUDIES
London, UC: V149 (18)
SOAS: Q965 (10).

LAND MANAGEMENT
Cranfield, Silsoe: N802
Reading: N800 (16), N802 (10)

LANGUAGES
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: Q165, Q1L3

LATIN
Kent: Q600 (16)
St Andrews: QV61 (BCC), QQ67 (BCC), Q600 (BCC), QV6W (BCC)

LAW
Buckingham: M300 (12), MC39 (12)

LINGUISTICS
London, Queen Mary & West: GR52 (18)
SOAS: Q100 (20)
UEA: VQ71 (20)
UMIST: GQ51 (14), Q112, QR11, QR12

MANAGEMENT STUDIES
Bath: NR12 (24pt)
Edge Hill Coll: N126
Exeter: L143, L144
Hull: NN12 (18)
Kent: MND1 (14)
UMIST: NF11
Reading: NR11 (20), NR12 (20), NR13 (20)
Ulster: NN59 (16), N740 (14)

MARKETING
Wales, Aberystwyth: LN15 (14)

MEDIA STUDIES
Wales, Cardiff: PW45 (22)

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES
Manchester: T608 (14)
SOAS: T660 (10), T665 (10)
Wales: St David's: GRT56 (12)

MODERN LANGUAGES
Kent: T202 (18)
La Sainte Union Coll: Q3T9 (12), T2T9 (12)
SOAS: T680 (10)
Salford: TN94 (16), T9T2 (20), T2T9, RT16 (18), RR12 (18), RRC4 (18), RR13 (18), RR14 (18), RT26 (18), RRF4 (18), RR23 (18), RR24 (18), RT36 (18), RRH4, RR34, RT46 (18)
Sheffield: TE97 (18)
Strathclyde: G5T9 (CCC), G1T9 (CDD)
Wales, St David's: T900 (16)

MUSIC
Newcastle: W300 (12)
Reading: W300
Wales, Cardiff: W302 (18), W300 (18)

PHILOSOPHY
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: V8G5, V8N1, V8V1, V8M9
UEA: VQ72 (20), VQ71 (20)

POLITICS
Buckingham: ML11, MV11, Y618, Y651 (all 8 pts), MM13 (12)
La Sainte Union Coll: M1V8 (8)
London, Goldsmiths: Y615 (12)
Salford: LM31 (20)

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: P4LH, P4NC, P4M9, P4QC, P4QH

RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: NX12

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SOAS: V800 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: V840 (18)
Wales, St David's: V840 (14)

RUSSIAN
Essex: R810 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: R8W4, R8WK, WR48 (20), RT8F (16), RW84 (20), RT82 (16), GR18 (16)
Manchester: R815 (10), RR81 (12) RR82 (12), RR83 (12), RR84 (12), RR85 (12), RR8C (12) RR8G (12) RR8H (12), RR8L (12)
Salford: F3R8/F3RV (8)
Wales, Swansea: R800 (16)
Wales, Bangor: R800 (12)

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES
Hull: R700 (16)
London, UC: R700 (12), RR27 (14)
Wales, St David's: GR57 (10), R720 (10)

SOCIAL ADMINSTRATION
London, Goldsmiths: L402 (16), Y615 (12)

SOCIAL SCIENCE/STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: L300, LT35, LP33, LM3X, LQ33, LR31, LL28, LV31, LT32, LM3Y, LM39

SOCIOLOGY
Salford: L3Y6 (18), L300 (18)

SPANISH
Hull: G1R4 (12)
Manchester: RR84 (12), RR8L (12)

THEOLOGY
Coll of St Mark & St John, Plymouth: V8G5, V8N1, V8V1, V8M9
Edge Hill Coll: E2V8, E4V8
La Sainte Union Coll: V840 (8), M1V8 (8), Q3V8 (8), T2V8 (8)
St Andrews: V808 (CCC), VQ88 (BCC), V820 (BCC), QV98 (BCC), QV78 (BCC), V800
St Mary's Coll: VF18
Wales, Cardiff: V800 (18)
Wales, St David's: V800 (14)

URBAN STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: M900, LM3Y, LM8Y

WELSH STUDIES
Wales, Cardiff: Q520 (16)
Wales, St David's: Q512 (10), Q520 (10)

WOMEN'S STUDIES
Edge Hill Coll: LM39, MP93, M910, MQ93, MV91, M915

PCAS

ACCOUNTANCY
Brighton: N420 (14), NT42 (14)
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N400 (4)
E London: N420
Glasgow, Caledonian: N400
Gwent: NN34 (10), AFC2 (4), NN14 (10), MN34 (10)
Hertfordshire: GN54
Humberside: N420
Leeds Metro: N422 (14), N420 (14)
London, Guildhall: N400
Luton: N420
Middlesex: N420
Northumbria: N400
N London: N400
Sheffield, Hallam: N400
South Bank: N420, GN14
Southampton Inst: N400, NM43
Sunderland: NC41, G560, N1N4
Swansea: N400 (6)
Teesside: N420
Thames Valley: N400, NT42, NM43
Univ of C England: N400

APPLIED LANGUAGE
Brighton: T900

ARABIC
Westminster: QT36, RTS6, TQ61

ARCHITECTURE
De Montfort: K100 (14)
E London: K100
Greenwich: K300
Kingston: K300
Plymouth: K100
Robert Gordon: K100
South Bank: K100, K108
Univ of C England: K100, K260, K199, K280

ART AND DESIGN
E London: V400

ARTS (RELATED)
De Montfort: W999 (14)
Derby: B972
E London: K100
Plymouth: Y404

BANKING
London, Guildhall: N120
Middlesex: N300

BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE
Dundee Inst: L730 (4)
E London: L602

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Buckinghamshire Coll: N1T9, N122
De Montfort: N122 (12)
Greenwich: N423
Gwent Coll: N150 (10)
Humberside: N170
Leeds Metro: N140
Luton: N122
Middlesex: N122
Staffordshire: NF19
Teesside: N131, N153
Thames Valley: N122
Wolverhampton: N141

BUSINESS LAW
London, Guildhall: M340

BUSINESS STUDIES
Brighton: N1J9
Buckinghamshire: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4, N1T9, N122
Cheltenham & Gloucester: N1T9, NN13, N3N1
Coventry: N1R1, N120
Colchester Inst: N720
De Montfort: N120 (18)
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N120 (4), N130 (4), N140, N550, F1N1
E London: N120
Greenwich: NN15, G4N1
Gwent: NN14 (10), MN31 (10)
Humberside: N170, NR17, N1T9, LN11, H120, D450, F199
Leeds Metro: T810
London, Guildhall: N120
Luton: N121
Middlesex: N120
NE Wales Inst: N167, N100 (4)
N London: *G532, N124, G5N1,* N120
Nene Coll: N120
North Cheshire Coll: NP14, W4N1, YN51
Northumbria: N120, N1T9
Queen Mary's Coll: G560
Robert Gordon: N131
Salford UC: N120
Southampton Inst: G562, G568
South Bank: N1T9
Staffordshire: N100, N111, N120, N110 N122, N123, N140, N199
Swansea: N120 (10)
Teesside: N120, N124, N153, N125
Thames Valley: NL11, N120, M1N1
Univ of C England: 7400, M390
W London: G5N1, F6N1, L8N1, NV11, W3N1
Wolverhampton: N140, L1N1

CHINESE
Westminster: T3Q3, T3R1, T3R2, T3R3, T3R4, T3R8, TQ31

COMBINED STUDIES (ARTS)
De Montfort: Y400
Derby: Y400
Gwent: Y400 (4)
London, Guildhall Y400
NE Wales Coll: QV31 (6)
Plymouth: Y404
Swansea Inst: Y300 (8)

COMBINED STUDIES (SOCIAL SCIENCES)
Luton: Y400, M300
NE Wales Inst: F910 (4)
N Cheshire Coll: Y400
N London: Y100
Swansea: Y300

COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Falmouth Art/Design: P438, V480
Greenwich: NN15, H621
Humberside: P300
North Cheshire Coll: Y400
Queen Margaret Coll Edinburgh: Y400
Robert Gordon: P379
Southampton Inst: P300, *P308*
West Surrey Art/Design: P400 (12)

COMMUNITY STUDIES
Bradford & Ilkley Comm Coll: L521, L510, N753
Luton: *L521*

CONSUMER STUDIES
Leeds Metro: N750
N London: N700
South Bank: N980, N988

CONTEMPORARY STUDIES
Hertfordshire: Y302

CREATIVE ARTS
Bath: W900 (6)
Sunderland: W432

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT
Cheltenham & Gloucester: D9555, D9F9, F9D9
Middlesex: W299, FN9X
South Bank: K201

CULTURAL STUDIES
Cheltenham & Gloucester: V8L6, P4L6, V1L6, W4L6
Gwent: W299

DESIGN
Bournemouth: W250, W299, W223, W235
Colchester Inst: W204
De Montfort: WN21 (12)
E London: V400
Humberside: W235
Middlesex: W420
Plymouth: W201
Salford UC: W202 (8), W200 (8), W230 (8) Sunderland: W432
Teesside: V480
West Surrey Art/Design: W230 (12)

ECONOMICS
Coventry: L100 (14)
De Montfort: L100 (12)
Dundee Inst: L100 (4)
E London: L100, L110
Greenwich: L114
Hertfordshire: L100
Humberside: LN11
Kingston: FL51 (12), FL31 (8), FL61 (10), GL11 (8)
London, Guildhall: L100, L190, M3L1
Middlesex: L100, LL18, L1R1, L1R4
Northumbria: L100
Portsmouth: L100, LL18
Teesside: N124
Thames Valley: LR11, LR12, LR14, L100
Wolverhampton: L1N1, L100

EDUCATION (NOT TEACHER TRAINING)
Cheltenham & Gloucester: V8X3, M9X3

EDUCATION (PRIMARY)
Bretton Hall: EW29, EW59, EW53, W420
Brighton: E791
Cheltenham & Gloucester: E3W3, E3V8, E3W2
South Bank: E200, E501
West London: E500

EDUCATION (SECONDARY)
Bath: E500 (6)
Cardiff Inst: E7Q5, E7W3
Cheltenham & Gloucester: E4W4, E4V8, E4W2
Greenwich: EW54, EW72
NE Wales Inst: E7X1 (4)
Sheffield, Hallam: E771, EF73, EF71
West London: E7X2
Wolverhampton: E700, E701

EDUCATION (TEACHER TRAINING)
Northumbria: EG71, EF73, ER71, ER72, E779
Oxford Brookes: CE15, GE15
Sunderland: EW73

ENGLISH
Luton: Q300
NE Wales Inst: QV31
Portsmouth: Q3W6
South Bank: Q3L3, Q3L7
Westminster: QR38, QT36, TQ3Q

ESTATE MANAGEMENT
NE Wales Inst: N800 (4)
South Bank: N800, N808
Univ of C England: N800
Westminster: N800

EUROPEAN BUSINESS
Brighton: N1J9 (14)
Buckinghamshire: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4, N1T9
Coventry: N1R1 (10)
Dundee, Inst of Tech: N140
Hertfordshire: V100
Lancashire: N140
Leeds Metro: N422, T810
Middlesex: N1R2, N1RC, L1R1, L1R4
Nene Coll: N1R1, N1R2, N1R3, N1R4
Oxford Brookes: N140
Portsmouth: N140
Sheffield, Hallam: N1R2, N1R4, N1R5
Teesside: N1T9
Thames Valley: NJ99
Wolverhampton: N141, N140, NT19

EUROPEAN MARKETING
Humberside: NR1C, NR1F, NR14, NR11, NR12

EUROPEAN STUDIES
Coventry: N120 (16), T200 (12)
E London: JT92, T200
Herdfordshire: Y100
Humberside: T200, N740
Lancashire: T200
Middlesex: V199
N London: T200
Northumbria: T200
Portsmouth: T200
South Bank: T200
Southampton Inst: T200
Thames Valley: T200
Westminster: K4R1, K4R2
Wolverhampton: T200

FASHION
Southampton Inst: W225

FILM STUDIES
E London: V400
Southampton Inst: W510

FINANCE
Brighton: N420 (14), NT42
E London: N420
Gwent: NN34
Humberside: N420
Leeds Metro: N422, N420
London, Guildhall: N120, N399
Middlesex: N300, N420
N London: N400
South Bank: N420
Teesside: N420
Univ of C England: N420

FINANCIAL SERVICES
Cheltenham & Gloucester: N3N1, NN13
Glasgow, Caledonian: N124
Humberside: N399
Lancs: N399
London, Guildhall: N399
Portsmouth: N300
Sheffield, Hallam: N300
Univ of C Eng: N420

FINE ARTS
Southampton Inst: W100, W108, N812, N813

FRENCH/FRENCH STUDIES
Brighton: N799
Buckinghamshire: N1R1
Coventry: RR12, RR14, RF13, RF23
Kingston: FR81 (12), CR11 (10), FR11 (8), FR31 (6), FR61 (12), GR11 (8)
London, Guildhall: T299, M3L1, L800
Middlesex: N1R1, N1RC
N London: R100
Portsmouth: RR12, RR14, F8R1, F6R1, G1R1, F3R1, R110
Staffordshire: G5R1, G5R0, GRM1, M350
Thames Valley: RRC2, RRC4, QR31, RR12, RR18, RR14, RR16, LR11, MR31
Westminster: K4R1, RM13, RR18, N830

FURNITURE/ART RESTORATION
Bournemouth: W223
Buckinghamshire Coll: J460
London, Guildhall: J570, J499

GEOGRAPHY
Cheltenham & Gloucester: FL88, LV81, FL9V, FL98, V8L8, F9LW
Greenwich: L800
Kingston: FF81 (10), FF86 (8), FG81 (12), FG85 (12), FL38 (8), FL81 (12), FR81 (12), FR82 (10), FG85 (12), CF18 (12)
Luton: Y400
Middlesex: LL18, F800, L800
N London: L800, F899
Portsmouth: F800, FG85, FG81, FG84, F8R1, F8R2
South Bank: F8F9

GERMAN/GERMAN STUDIES
Buckinghamshire: N1R2
Coventry: RR12, RR24
De Montfort: M3R2 (22)
Greenwich: NR52
Kingston: CR12 (6), FR12 (8), FR32 (6), FR82 (10)
London, Guildhall: T299
Middlesex: NR12, NR1C
Nene Coll: N1R2
Portsmouth: RR12, F8R2, F6R2, G1R2, F3R2
Sheffield, Hallam: N1R2
Staffordshire: G5R2, G5RF, G5RG, GRM2, RR22, RR43, WR12
Thames Valley: RRC2, QR32, RR12, *LR12, MR32, RR28, RR24, RR26*
W London: FL68, FV61, F6N1, F6G5
Westminster: K4R2, RR28, N8R2

GRAPHIC DESIGN
Southampton Inst: W211

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
Gwent: B999 (4)

HEALTH STUDIES
E London: B990, B991, B992, B9N1
Derby: B995

HISTORY
Cheltenham & Gloucester: LV81, V1L6, V1V8, V1M9, V8M9
London, Guildhall: M142
London IHE: W299
Luton: V199
Northumbria: V199
Staffordshire: MV94, RV44, V460, *VK42, VR42,* WV14
Teesside: V100
W London: LV81, VW13, NV11, GV51, FV61

HISTORY OF ART AND DESIGN
De Montfort: V480 (14)
London Inst: W299
Staffordshire: VK42, VR42, WR14, WV14, MV94, RV44
Teesside: V480

HOME ECONOMICS
Sheffield, Hallam: N750
South Bank: N750, N781, N788

HOTEL, CATERING AND INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT
Leeds Metro: N720
Middlesex: N720
N London: N720
Oxford Brookes: N720
Plymouth: N720
Queen Margaret's Coll Edinburgh: N7N7
Robert Gordon: N720
South Bank: N720
Thames Valley: N721
Univ of C England: N720
Wolverhampton: N700

HOUSING
Cardiff Inst: K472
Sheffield, Hallam: K472

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Southampton Inst: N620
Teesside: N620

HUMANITIES/MODERN STUDIES
E London: L602
Greenwich: Y400
Luton: QV31

INFORMATION SYSTEMS
E London: G561
Glasgow: N1G5
Greenwich: G561
Leeds Metro: PP12
North London: G560, PP23
Nottingham Trent: GCM1, GFM3, GFM1, GFM9, GGM1
Portsmouth: GL53, G599
Queen Margaret's Coll Edinburgh: G560
Staffordshire: G5R1, G5R2, G5R4, MG95, RG45, RK22, RK42, G561, LG1M
Sunderland: H108
Thames Valley: NP94
Wolverhampton: G561, Gn51

INSURANCE
London, Guildhall: N120, N330

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Greenwich: N140
Northumbria: N1T9
Sheffield, Hallam: N1R2, N1R4, N1R5
Thames Valley: NJ99

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING
Greenwich: NR52, NR54

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/STUDIES
Coventry: L899 (12)
Nottingham Trent: M158
Portsmouth: TN25

ITALIAN
Buckinghamshire Coll: N1R3
Nene Coll: N1R4
Portsmouth: RR34
Westminster: T3R3, RR38

LAND MANAGEMENT
De Montfort: N800 (10)
E London: N800, K399
Greenwich: N800
Middlesex: W299
Portsmouth: N800
Westminster: N830, N8R2

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
Greenwich: K300

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT
E London: N800, K399
Middlesex: W299
Plymouth: N800

LANGUAGES FOR BUSINESS
Leeds Metro: T810
South Bank: N1T9, T810, T899
Wolverhampton: NT19

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
Portsmouth: R600, R620, RR46
Thames Valley: RR16, RR26, RR86

LAW
Coventry: M340 (20), MT32 (18)
De Montfort: M3R2 (22)
Dundee Inst: M310 (4), M390 (4)
E London: JM93
Glasgow, Caledonian: M3N1
Herdfordshire: M300
London, Guildhall: M340, M3L1
Nene Coll: MN34
Sheffield, Hallam: M301
South Bank: M500
Southampton Inst: M300, NM43
Staffordshire: M350
Swansea: M300 (14)
Teesside: M300
Thames Valley: NM43, M310, MR31, MR32, MR54, M330
Westminster: RM13, RM43

LEISURE STUDIES
Buckinghamshire Coll: Y502
Coventry: Y502 (14)
Luton: Y502
N Cheshire Coll: JN51
Southampton Inst: Y502, N718
Thames Valley: Y502

LINGUISTICS
Portsmouth: TN25
Westminster: RQ81

LITERARY STUDIES
Middlesex: Q203, Y302

MANAGEMENT
Brighton: N799 (12)
Buckinghamshire Coll: NT19
City Coll, Norwich: N720
De Montfort: WN21 (12), NN14 (12)
E London: CN11
Glasgow, Caledonian: *NIG5, M3N1,* N399
Hertfordshire: GN42
Humberside: D952, D234, N170
London, Guildhall: L499, M148
N Cheshire Coll: NP14, JW51, W4N1
Plymouth: N720, N740, N800
Robert Gordon: N720
Sheffield, Hallam: N400
South Bank: HN71

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT
Cardiff Inst: H7N1

MARKETING
Humberside: NR1C, NR1F, NR14
London, Guildhall: N120
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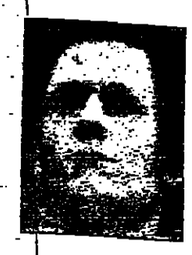
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Pick of the autumn's bumper crop

VISUAL ART

As if the handsome new galleries already opened in Leeds and St Ives were not enough for one year, Birmingham proudly unveils its monumental **Gas Hall Exhibition Gallery** this autumn. Situated behind Victoria Square, this listed Edwardian building has been converted into a thoroughly modern show-space. The major inaugural survey, "Canaletto and England", will borrow over 130 pictures to reveal how the prolific Venetian painter responded to our cities and landscapes during his nine-year stay here (October 14 to January 9).

Not to be outdone, the **National Portrait Gallery** in London opens its extensive new Late Twentieth Century Galleries in November, with an ambitious survey of "The Portrait Now". The show embraces Bacon, Warhol and Baselitz as well as video work by Nam June Paik. But the core of the exhibition will celebrate British portraiture, with recent work by Auerbach, Freud and Hockney, as well as younger painters like Tony Bevan and Stephen Conroy.

Freud also appears on his own, with a grand survey at the **Whitechapel Art Gallery** of his recent work. Most of the 55 paintings have been completed since his last large exhibition in 1988. Now 71, Freud is enjoying a fruitful late period (September 10 to November 21).

By common consent, Bill Brandt is the finest British photographer of the present century. But he grew up in Hamburg, and the **Barbican Art Gallery's** biggest-ever retrospective of his work will contain a wealth of unpublished material (September 30 to December 12). Alongside well-known images Ian Jeffrey's selection will reveal unfamiliar early work. It also includes lesser-known images from his great wartime sequence of shelter photographs.

Ben Nicholson occupies a distinguished place in the history of modern British painting, and his entire career will be reviewed in the **Tate Gallery's** retrospective (October 13 to January 9). Perhaps his most well-known works are the austere abstract reliefs of the 1930s. But he soon returned to landscape and still-life references, weaving them into bleached compositions of great refinement.

The altogether more brash and outspoken achievements of American Art in the 20th Century will galvanise the **Royal Academy's** main galleries (September 16 to December 12). More than 230 works by around 60 artists trace the momentum of innovative painting and sculpture from 1913 to the present. But the survey is so vast that its most recent section is being displayed at the **Saatchi Gallery**.

No such immense spaces are needed for the RA's subsequent offering, a choice selection of Great Master Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu (October 28 to January 23). Although the drawings collection only commenced just over a decade ago, the Getty's wealth has enabled it to encompass an extraordinary range of European draughtsmanship. Leonardo, Raphael and Titian are among the highlights, but Dürer and Goya are included as well and the show terminates triumphantly with outstanding Post-Impressionist works by Cézanne and Van Gogh.

RICHARD CORK



A study by Watteau, to be included in the Royal Academy's exhibition of Great Master Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu

DANCE

The most ambitious event this autumn is not a new creation, but a reworking of the 19th-century French classic **Sylvia**. The ballet, sometimes known as the Nymph of Diana, was composed for the Paris Opera in 1876 by Delibes, who also gave the world *Coppélia*. It was first presented in Britain in a one-act version (at the Empire Theatre in 1911) but only in 1952, when Frederick Ashton choreographed a full-length version for Covent Garden, did the ballet really become known here.

David Bintley is now making all-new choreography for Birmingham Royal Ballet's production, which opens the company's 1993-94 season at the Birmingham Hippodrome on October 26. The story is mythological, peopled with fauns and dryads cavorting in the moonlight, and like most such stories aims to unite two lovers against the odds.

Former Royal Ballet star Christopher Gable is turning his hand to choreography for the first time with a production of **Cinderella** for his Northern Ballet Theatre, which opens September 27 at the Lyceum in Sheffield. And Scottish Ballet brings to Britain André Prokovsky's romantic, full-length **Anna Karenina** (opens September 8 at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow).

English National Ballet continues its campaign to refresh its stores of the Tchaikovsky ballets. And if its current track record is a fair indicator, Ronald Hynd's overhaul of **The Sleeping Beauty** should prove a success. ENB has already scored with Ben Stevenson's *Nutcracker* and Raissa Struchkova's *Swan Lake*. Hynd is a safe bet: a very experienced choreographer with a good eye for what sells. His *Beauty*, with designs by Peter Docherty, makes its debut at the Mayflower in Southampton on October 21.

Covent Garden, meanwhile, has three new short offerings (from October 23): **Herman Schmerman** by the American William Forsythe, and new one-acters from Royal Ballet youngsters **Matthew Hart** and **William Tuckett**.

The American dancer **Sara Rudner** is virtually unknown in this country, having spent her career with Twyla Tharp. Now, however, this astonishing performer has taken up choreography, and with fellow New Yorker Dana Reitz is bringing *Necessary Weather* to the Dance Umbrella festival (Riverside Studios, October 15, 16). Advance reports suggest a sensation: if Rudner has even half the talent as a choreographer that she had as a dancer this is sure to be one of the highlights of the festival. Dance Umbrella kicks off at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on October 12 with the **Batsheva** Company from Israel.

DEBRA CRAINE



Margot Fonteyn, Alexander Grant in the 1952 *Sylvia*

THEATRE

Harold Pinter is generally agreed to be so important a dramatist that he would have only to breathe on his shaving mirror, and make a few squiggles in the mist, for the world's scholars to jet in with fingerprint powder. So the opening of his **Moonlight** at the Almeida next Tuesday is an event. It is his first full-length play since *Betrayal* in 1978.

After such a start to the autumn, will all else seem bathetic? Not necessarily. With David Hare completing his disenchanted state-of-England trilogy with the state-of-Parliament play **Absence of War** on October 2, and his earlier *Racing Demon* and *Murmuring Judges* officially joining the National rep the same day, there is sure to be controversy in the air.

Then again, Mike Leigh stages his first new improvised play in years, **It's a Great Big Shame**, at Stratford East on October 6; **Perestroika**, the second part of Tony Kushner's Aids saga, *Angels in America*, arrives at the Cottesloe on November 20; Alan Ayckbourn's **Wildest Dreams** comes to the Pit in mid-December. And if you're looking for new talent, may I introduce Simon Donald? His scabrous gangster play **The Life of Stuff** is at the Donmar from September 23.

Some revivals are of special interest. What of Derek Jacobi's **Macbeth**, due at the Barbican in mid-December? What of the first major revival of Tom Stoppard's **Travesties** since 1974 and Terry Hands's production of Marlowe's **Tamberlaine the Great**, (same theatre, September 16 and October 14 respectively)? The link between these events is that live-wire, Antony Sher.

But the busiest man around is surely Peter Hall. His revival of Shakespeare's **All's Well** is at the Pit from October 12, his production of **She Stoops to Conquer** hits the Queen's on October 20, and at the Piccadilly in early December there is his revival of Pam Gems's **Piaf**.

Musicals? **Hair** comes to the Old Vic on September 14, **Cabaret** is at the Donmar from December 13. But the most musically prolific theatre seems to be the Leicester Haymarket, where Sondheim's **Pacific Overtures** (October 17) is to be followed by Paul Kerryson's revival of **Carousel** (November 19).

The same theatre also offers Simon Callow in Larry Kramer's **Destiny of Me** (September 16), an Aids play likely to transfer to London. Other regional plums promise to be Alan Bleasdale's probation-hostel play **The Party's Over** (Nottingham Playhouse, September 10), an adaptation of **Brighton Rock** (West Yorkshire, October 21), and David Pownall's **Elgar's Rondo**, with Alec McCowen as Elgar (Swan, Stratford, October 26). And did you know that Dylan Thomas wrote a play called **The Doctor and the Devils**? Be at the Plymouth Royal (November 4), and confirm it for yourself.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CINEMA

He escapes from a prison bus crash that derails a train. He jumps down a waterfall. He eludes the police's grasp by inches, reel after reel. To cap it all, he is Harrison Ford. Few other Hollywood imports promise as much sustained excitement as **The Fugitive**, which launches the remodelled Warner cinema in London on September 24.

The same week, Nora Ephron's **Sleepless in Seattle** looks back further, drawing sustenance from the Fifties' weepie *An Affair to Remember*. Tom Hanks is a widowed lonelyheart in Seattle; Meg Ryan, in Baltimore, would seem to be his Mrs Right, but can they ever get together?

For family audiences, there is only one autumn contender: **Aladdin**. Disney's delay in releasing its animation goodies in Britain is maddening, but if the film proves as skilful and tuneful as *Beauty and the Beast* the year-long wait should be worth it.

Autumn brings two British triumphs, hailed at this year's Cannes festival. Ken Loach's **Raining Stones** (due in October) continues the comic realist style of *Riff-Raff*, telling a sharply funny, well-observed tale about financial straits and good fellowship on a Manchester housing estate.

One month later, we get Mike Leigh's **Naked**, a hard-edged account of the London wanderings of an amoral drifter. The mood swings from sexual brutality to compassion make for uncomfortable viewing, but there is no doubt this is Leigh's best, most cinematic film to date. Peter Greenaway fans, meanwhile, should note the mid-September release of **The Baby of Mâcon**, though this is the kind of film that could make them fans no longer.

The season's most visually seductive offering arrives in late October. Jane Campion's **The Piano** sucks us into a stark Victorian world of black mud, bonnets and crinoline. Holly Hunter's performance as the mute Scottish widow shipped to New Zealand for a loveless marriage is startlingly strong; but it is Campion's audacious imagery and mastery of narrative that seals the film's success.

The latest Kieslowski is promised for October, the first in a trilogy, **Three Colours**, which gives a contemporary slant to the three rallying cries of the French Revolution: freedom, equality and brotherhood. The first part is *Blue*, filmed in Paris, featuring Juliette Binoche as a composer's widow trying to break clean from her past. While Kieslowski's technique remains razor-sharp, you may emerge chilled, and nostalgic for the emotional resonance of the "Ten Commandments" cycle.

Other imminent world cinema includes Ang Lee's cross-cultural divertissement **The Wedding Banquet**, Satyajit Ray's last film **The Stranger** and Jean-Jacques Beineix's indulgent, maddeningly watchable **IP5**. Rounding off the season, the London Film Festival opens its doors on November 4. From the avalanche of celluloid, watch particularly for Tian Zhuangzhuang's **The Blue Kite**, a moving study of a Chinese family torn apart by social turmoil.

GEOFF BROWN



The Fugitive: Hollywood import promises excitement

OPERA

Despite everything thrown at them by way of cuts and capricious box-office patterns, opera managements have still contrived to plan much that is unmissable. Most unmissable of all should be Bernard Haitink conducting Graham Vick's new production of **Die Meistersinger** at Covent Garden (October 8), with John Tomlinson (Sachs) and Thomas Allen (Beckmesser) — both singing their roles for the first time — vying for Nancy Gustafson's Eva.

After a revival of the recent **Eugene Onegin** with Catherine Malfitano and Dmitri Hvorovstovsky (October 21), the Royal Opera takes over Martin Duncan's lively **Zauberflöte** from Scottish Opera (November 15). And, as compensation for the cancelled *Prince Igor* (not enough money), we get the *Igor* cast of Anna Tomowa-Sintow and Sergei Leiferkus in **Tosca** (December 4).

The first new production of the ENO season — under new management — is **La Bohème** (September 14) with Roberta Alexander and the bright new tenor hope John Hudson in the leading roles. Other new productions in St Martin's Lane include **Lohengrin**, its first Wagner for many a season, conducted by Mark Elder and staged by Tim Albery (November 20) and Smetana's unlikely and entrancing boulevard comedy **The Two Widows** directed by David Pountney (the old management lives on). And the revival of Graham Vick's troubling production of **The Rape of Lucretia** with Jean Rigby (September 29) is high on the list of must'n't-misses.

On September 17 the Welsh National Opera stages the last of this year's Peter Moores-sponsored romantic Italian series, **Lucia di Lammermoor** with Janice Watson and conducted by Julian Smith: there should be none of the textual controversies that dogged last season's *Favorite*. And on November 23 comes the first major production here of Massenet's **Cendrillon**, a minor masterpiece presented as part of a Cinderella project along with Rossini's and Maxwell Davies's versions. Massenet freaks will also need to catch the Guildhall School's UK premiere of **Griséldis** (November 11), another minor masterpiece of wistful medieval melancholy.

Up north, Scottish Opera has Helen Field in the title role of Mark Brickman's new production of **Katya Kabanova** (October 14) conducted by the new music director (but wise old hand) Richard Armstrong. In Leeds, Opera North fields a particularly powerful cast for its revival of Handel's **Tamerlano** opening on October 2, and brings Berkeley's **Baa-Baa Black Sheep** into the repertory on November 17. And to complete a pretty unbeatable autumn season, ON stages Britten's **Gloriana** on December 18 with Josephine Barstow.

RODNEY MILNES

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Not everyone is playing safe this autumn. The **Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival** (November 17-29) must be the most wide-ranging for years. It has a selection of "second-generation" minimalists: a big tribute to Ligeti, 70 this year; and then room for such unclassifiable composers as Galina Ustvolskaya, the 74-year-old recluse who was a close friend of Shostakovich and wrote even bleaker music (if possible). Performers include the Kronos Quartet and King's Singers.

Other festivals include the **Tchaikovsky Centenary** (Wigmore Hall, October 30 to December 4), built round the Borodin Quartet; **Canterbury** (October 9-23), where a Faustian theme (inspired by Marlowe's 400th anniversary) culminates in Berlioz's vast *Damnation de Faust* in the cathedral; and the **Grieg Weekend** at the Barbican (October 29-31) which includes all of *Peer Gynt*'s words and music (Simon Callow as Peer).

Most adventurous of the regional orchestras is, as usual, the **City of Birmingham Symphony**. Its season includes the premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Drowned Out* (Nottingham October 20, Birmingham next day), and an extraordinary Birmingham concert conducted by John Adams on November 24, ranging from Adams's own music back to Tallis's 40-part motet.

London's orchestras are under scrutiny at the Festival Hall, since three of them must soon compete in a ridiculous scramble for one grant. Expect good things from the **Philharmonia** under Leonard Slatkin (from October 10), and the **London Philharmonic** under Wolfgang Sawallisch, the 70-year-old maestro who has just succeeded Muti in Philadelphia. He has programmed Hans Pfitzner and Werner Egk (November 24, 25, 30). It's certainly different.

At the Barbican, the **London Symphony Orchestra** embarks on a Messiaen series in collaboration with the **London Sinfonietta** (from October 3). Involving Boulez, Loriod and almost every other musician associated with Messiaen, it includes the UK premiere of his last work, *Eclairs sur l'Au-Delà*. Elsewhere in the LSO season, note (if only out of curiosity) the European premiere of a serious work by Broadway tunesmith Marvin Hamlisch, ominously entitled *The Anatomy of Peace* (October 10).

The **BBC Symphony Orchestra** retains its flat-rate ticket policy (£9) after last season's experiment brought a 64 per cent increase in its Festival Hall audiences. And it also continues to service Andrew Davis's penchant for Strauss operas: *Daphne* is first up (September 27).

Finally, two great singers' memorials. **Geraint Evans** will be celebrated in St David's Hall, Cardiff, on September 12 by a line-up led by Dame Margaret Price. And a huge gathering of vocal talent will assemble at the Wigmore on October 21 to sing the 16 solo parts of Vaughan Williams's *Serenade to Music* in memory of **Alfreda Hodgson**.

RICHARD MORRISON



EDINBURGH

JULIUS CAESAR: The big theatrical event of the festival, in every sense, is given only two stagings — the first this afternoon. It is Peter Stein's mighty production of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, performed in German and involving over 200 extras. First seen last year at the Salzburg Festival.
Royal Highland Exhibition Hall, Ingleston (five miles west of Edinburgh). Festival box office number. 031-225 5756

SCHUBERT/JANACEK: The two composers oddly harnessed by this year's festival are brought together again in this late-night recital by the husband-and-wife team of Ann Murray and Philip Langridge, accompanied by Peter Donohoe. The Janacek is *The Diary of One who Disappeared*.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road. 10.30pm. Festival box office as before

PHOEBE ANNA TRAQUAIR: *Not exactly a household name, but Traquair was one of the most able and distinctive Scottish exponents of the Art Nouveau/Arts & Crafts range of styles and mecus. Purlaza relatively neglected because she worked in Edinburgh rather than Glasgow: she painted embroidered, illuminated manuscripts, worked in mural, enamel, and metal. This exhibition is a small revelation.*
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street. (031-556 8921) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 11am-5pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Martt Hargie

LONDON

PROMS: The Albert Hall goes authentic tonight, when Trevor Pinnock brings his period-instrument English Concert, 20 years old this year, for an all-Mozart programme. Two great symphonies — the "Paris", No 31, and the "Prague", No 38 — are interspersed with the "Coronation" Mass and some of his Vespers Music.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212), 7.30pm

HYSTERIA: *First night of a new play by Terry Johnson, the author of Unsuitable for Adults and the award-winning Insignificance. Set in 1939, it concerns Sigmund Freud as he arrives with his couch and assorted possessions from Nazi-occupied Vienna, hoping to settle quietly in Hampstead. The production is directed by Phyllida Lloyd and designed by Mark Thompson and Rick Fisher.*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Opens tonight, 8pm

SIMON BOCCANEGRA: A revival of David Alden's 1987 production of Verdi's dark masterpiece — weirdly staged in places and brutal in outlook, but with some gripping theatrical moments — opens English National Opera's season. Modestly conducted, satisfactorily sung.
London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 ((071-836 3161), 7.30pm

ELSEWHERE

EASTBOURNE: An exhibition called **The Sussex Scene** sounds like an exercise in local history, but proves to be a marvellous of 20th-century British landscape art. An amazing number and variety of important artists, from Sickert to Jackowski, have visited or lived in the county. Perhaps the most striking remain Eric Gill, Paul Nash, Ivon Hitchens and Edward Burra. The exhibition of more than 100 works is divided between Eastbourne and Hove galleries.
Hove Museum and Art Gallery, 10 New Church Street, Hove (0273 779410) Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4.30pm, Sun 2-5pm.
Towner Art Gallery, High Street, Old Town, Eastbourne (0323 411688). Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm.

BIRMINGHAM: The 72-year-old jazz trumpeter has re-established his classic 1950s outfit, Kenny Baker's Dozen (liberally interpreted as 15 players) for this residency until Saturday.
Ronnie Scott's, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-643 4825). Tonight to Saturday, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

□ **A JOVIAL CREW:** Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life, written on the eve of the Civil War.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm, 7.15pm. 150mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester and Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans revealed in material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tonight 7.45pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat, 5pm, 90mins.

□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm. 165mins.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER.** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noel Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Tue-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. 160mins.

□ **ROMEO AND JULIET.** So-so performance in Judi Dench's production. Decent crowd scenes.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Today, 2.30 and 8pm.

□ **SEPARATE TABLES.** Peter Bowles and Patricia Hodge tap heartfelt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of one of Terence Rattigan's biggest West End successes.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. ♿

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD.** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded Hollywood star in Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest success. Less cynical than the original Billy Wilder film but a thrilling occasion nevertheless.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Stephen Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm. 180mins. ♿

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, set in three different restaurants and roving - back and forth in time. Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor play the older couple.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon to Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

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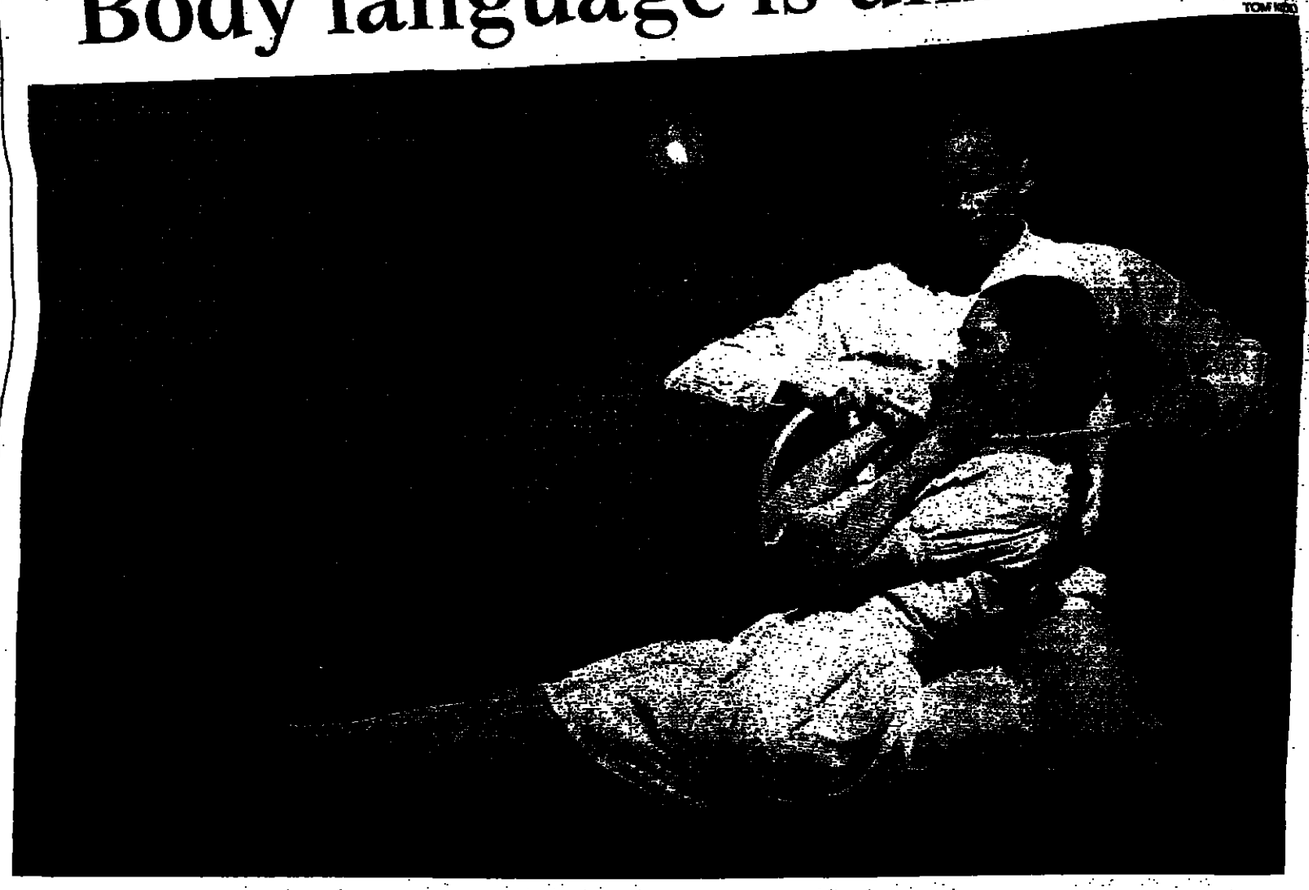
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Body language is universal



Robert Wilson's production of *Dr Faustus Lights the Lights*: most of the company are students at the Ernst Busch Theatre School in Berlin

Four of the most admired theatre directors have come to the Edinburgh Festival this year. Andy Lavender assesses their impact

You could have forgiven theatre aficionados for going pop-eyed on reading this year's Edinburgh Festival programme. Here was a chance to see the work of a quartet of internationally renowned theatre directors. Such prestigious offerings come rarely to insular Britain, let alone in fours. Peter Stein's productions of *Julius Caesar* and the opera *Falstaff* open today and tomorrow respectively. But productions from Peter Sellars, Robert Wilson and Robert Lepage have now come and gone. What do they tell us about the state of international theatre?

First, they suggest that each director has his own individual voice. Sellars's production was bare and angry; Wilson's cool and formalist; and Lepage's packed with theatrical effects. But viewing these shows along with *international theatre in the Fringe festival*, a striking characteristic emerges. They depend on a physical style of acting, incorporating dance, mime and stylised movement, which is decidedly foreign to the British stage, with its emphasis on text.

Peter Sellars's production of Aeschylus' *The Persians*, for instance, features a one-man masked chorus, performing a spiky, angular mime in airman's fatigues; and a deaf actor as the ghost of King Darius, communicating with his queen through vigorous sign language. When was the last time you saw *that* combination at the Royal Shakespeare Company?

Robert Wilson's production of *Dr Faustus Lights The Lights*, Gertrude Stein's modernist opera libretto, is definitely "director's theatre" in its combination of lighting and choreography but it centres on 12 performers moving now in a slow, extenuated fashion, now quickly and jerkily. Their precision is impressive. "And they hit their mark!" said a British lighting designer rapturously after the show. (For lighting designers hitting marks — being in the right place for lighting effects — is the stamp of a professional.)

Who were they, these gifted and disciplined German artists? Answer, all but two of the company are students of the Ernst Busch Theatre School in the former East Berlin. The youngest is 20, the oldest 28. Wilson's audition exercises apparently *included the simple* act of walking three metres in three minutes. "He wanted to find out how people balanced their bodies," explains Thomas Lehmann, one of three actors playing Dr Faustus in the production. "In rehearsals we developed numbered sequences of movements — sometimes up to 40. The text was added to this later on." This is radically antithetical to the humdrum notion that the actor's job is to play a character. It is accordingly controversial. Wilson, the argument goes, reduces the actor to the status of director's dummy. How does it feel, then, to be in *Dr Faustus*?

"You have to accept Wilson's formalism," says Christian Ehbert, another Faustus. "But once you do, you have more freedom to invent your own movements. I've done a lot of naturalistic theatre, but I've never felt the freedom I feel in this show."

> 'Their physical style of acting is decidedly foreign to the British stage'

The Ernst Busch School embraces the theories of Stanislavsky and Brecht. Here is another difference between Britain and abroad. In this country the two traditions are often held to be incompatible. Brecht's distancing effects can appear inimical to the British theatre-of-feeling, while Stanislavsky is widely revered for a system of acting *founded on emotional* "truth".

How revealing, then, to discover that Brecht and Stanislavsky are bedfellows as far as the Georgian Film Actors Studio, too, is concerned. In 1988 the company, based in Tbilisi, performed Molière's *Don Juan* at Edinburgh's Assembly Rooms. It was a vivid production. Such was the actors' dexterity, you felt, that at any particular moment each knew exactly the angle at which their little finger was pointing. This year they bring *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. There is nothing radical about their production, but the actors again leave one open-mouthed in admiration.

It is no surprise to learn that their director, Mikhail Tumanishvili, has his own theatre school, following the Stanislavskian tradition. But is not Stanislavsky about feelings rather than physicality? Keti Dolidze, a director with the company, throws her hands up in horror. "No, no, it's wrong!" she exclaims. "Stanislavsky system is treated very badly all over the world. You create everything inside, yes. You collect all the characteristics and make it into a big cashbox. But then you open it. You *show* it."

So this is what we have yet to do in Britain. We have the cashbox, but like theatrical Scrooges, we have not yet learnt to show what is inside.

In case this kind of display seems solely a European concern, have your eye caught by the Canadian performance company One Yellow Rabbit, currently presenting Brad Fraser's *The Ugly Man* at the Traverse Theatre. Fraser takes a David Lynch-like look at *family misbehaviour* in the American Midwest. His very contemporary strangeness is matched by One Yellow Rabbit's idiosyncratic style: speedy entrances into position, exaggerated dancing exits and many a look out front. It makes for a sophisticated sop-start theatricality.

"If a surrealist was to paint a dock they might paint all the cogs on the outside of it and that's the way we approach theatre," explains Michael Green, a co-founder of One Yellow Rabbit. "We attempt to present a stylised portrait of what's going on inside a character. There's no point being shy of it."

Let us applaud this skill from over the seas. There is no doubting the flair of the star directors, but note that they currently demand of their actors a full command of gesture and movement. We are unused to seeing such body-competence on British stages. Our theatre is poorer without it.

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Clive Davis meets Ray Bradbury on the fortieth anniversary of his novel *Fahrenheit 451*

Apocalypse not yet, apparently

When you call on Ray Bradbury, professional futurist and doyen of science-fiction writers, you half expect to find him cocooned in some stainless-steel geodesic dome, a flock of automated servants whirring back and forth to answer his every whim, and perhaps a personal anti-gravity device lying unused in one corner of the room.

But no, Bradbury's summer residence in Paris — the home of a lawyer friend — is a conventionally stylish apartment on the Left Bank, a short walk from the Eiffel Tower. A white grand piano stands near the centre of the spacious lounge, and the shelves hold an adequate stock of books: those subversive objects which are banned and burnt in his most celebrated novel, the dystopian masterpiece *Fahrenheit 451*.

"It was a pleasure to burn." So runs the opening sentence of a novel which depicts a conformist society in which the written word has been all but abolished in the interests of universal happiness. Comics and trade journals are permitted but books — which have an awkward tendency to plant dangerous and unsettling thoughts in people's minds — are outlawed. Whenever illicit collections are discovered, they are incinerated by the fire brigade, whose only function now, in a world of fireproofed houses, is to respond to tip-offs from informers.

Bradbury's central character is a fireman, Guy Montag. Like George Orwell's Winston Smith in *1984*, Montag begins to question his role in the system. By the close he is on the run, a member of a band of nomadic dissidents who devote themselves to keeping the classic texts alive by the most immediate means possible — memorising them word for word and reciting them to fellow members.

Forty years have passed since the novel was first published, an anniversary which is marked by the appearance of a new edition — with an introduction by the author — in the recently launched Flamingo Modern Classics series (at £4.99). More than a quarter of a century after François Truffaut's film adaptation — a valiant failure, most critics agreed — Bradbury is hopeful that that he can persuade his Hollywood friends to mount a new screen version before too long.

"The Truffaut film is very pleasant, but there's a lot missing," says Bradbury. "Truffaut thought he knew my novel better than I did. Oskar Werner [who played Montag] became my protector. They had huge fights. I had dinner with Oskar after the film was finished, and by then he and Truffaut were no longer talking. The last reel, with the rebels in the wilderness, is very beautiful but nevertheless I would just like to *do the book*."



'If every minority grabs one book, you'll have nothing in the library'

The big question is whether *Fahrenheit 451* still works as a vision of the future. Unlike many science-fiction writers, Bradbury does not try to overwhelm the reader with detailed descriptions of the brave new world. Instead the story unfolds in a dream-like narrative. Yet you cannot but be impressed by how closely some of his fantasies mirror present-day developments.

His characters, for instance, are addicted to interactive soap operas shown on wall-sized television screens, while miniature headphones — "ear thimbles" — provide an unceasing stream of music and news. On the streets young people work off their aggression by racing each other in cars and trying to knock over pedestrians. Teenage shootings are commonplace.

In Montag's world, technology becomes a means of keeping us too busy to reflect on anything profound or disturbing. Idle day-dreaming is discouraged. The philosophy is expounded by Montag's cynical, epigrammatic chief, Beatty: "The zipper displaces the button and man lacks just that much time to think while dressing at dawn, a philosophical hour, and thus a melancholy hour."

So it comes as something of a shock to find that Bradbury, who has just celebrated his 73rd birthday, remains an optimist of almost Panglossian proportions. He is less interested in grim images of 1984 than the glittering scientific vistas of 2001. Science poses no threats, he says, provided it is used creatively. Nuclear power and Walkmans are here to liberate us. "Yes, a lot of things in the book have come true. But good things have happened, too. Democracy exists in some ramshackle way, and the totalitarians have had a rough time recently.

"Advances in medicine have saved millions upon millions of people. We have a different problem now: over-population. But it's better to have life than death, huh? I lost a brother in the great flu epidemic of 1918. A few years ago I visited his grave for the first time since I was a child. The list on the memorial showed that dozens of babies died in that same week alone. All the way up until I was about 19 my friends and relatives died around me because we didn't have the medicine to treat them. Then we started to save people."

The decline of literacy gives him the greatest cause for concern. A passionate autodidact, he began raiding his local library at a very early age. Unable to afford college fees, he immersed himself in literature of all forms. Today's schoolchildren, raised on cartoons and nonstop MTV, lack the same incentive to learn. Teachers must shoulder some of the blame, says Bradbury, who takes the John Patten line on the importance of school tests.

And though he describes himself as a middle-of-the-road liberal (during the McCarthy era he took out an advertisement in *Variety* attacking Republican scare-mongering) Bradbury reserves his strongest words for the excesses of political correctness. Here, again, *Fahrenheit 451* is strangely prescient: one of the reasons that books are outlawed is that so many of them are liable to offend minorities and special-interest groups.

"People always predicted that censorship would be imposed from the top down," says Bradbury. "But the real threat is not from Big Brother, but from little sister — all those groups, men and women, who want to impose their views from below. I'm still not terribly afraid of all this, as long as we remain vigilant. If you allow every minority to grab one book off the shelf you'll have nothing in the library."

It took him only nine days to write the first draft of the book, which brought together themes he had touched on in his earlier short stories. *Fahrenheit 451* is sometimes interpreted as a satire on McCarthyism and blacklisting, but Bradbury points out that the roots go back much further. He recalls that, as a child of nine, he wept when he read the story of the burning of the library at Alexandria. Shortly afterwards, when his family uprooted itself from small-town Illinois to drive across the continent and settle in Los Angeles, he made a habit of stopping off at libraries along the way to read.

To his dismay, he discovered that many of them did not stock his favourite books, the Tarzan books or L. Frank Baum's Oz stories. The anger he felt then stayed with him, under the surface, as he grew into a writer. Soon, Montag was born.



Cyril Cusack (left) and Oskar Werner, burning books in François Truffaut's film of *Fahrenheit 451*

DANCE

Lively sort of shower

SCOTLAND is quite rainy, so the umbrellas sported by the **Dundee Rep Dance Company** (seen at the Bloomsbury Theatre, London) probably come in handy. Everyone on stage carries them at the start of the mysteriously-named *I've Never Been To Blackpool* by their director Tamara McLorg. They discard them, they sometimes return with them. Shafts of blue and purple light beam down like the edge of a rainbow, while the dancers form pairs that dissolve and change.

McLorg's choreography is fluent and varied, as it is in *Duet*, danced by Villmore James and Ethelinda Lashley-Johnstone — if only she had fully recognised it. Instead she has felt it necessary to set this lyrical pas de deux in a contrived, obtrusive landscape of two manipulated props: like cradles, bridges or balustrades.

Duet uses a Brahms sonata; the first piece, a commissioned score by Iain Johnstone that sounds like any number of your favourite Celtic tunes. Johnstone's gift, as confirmed by David Dorfman's *Him* in the same programme, is for pastiche. In *Him* the score evokes a mixture of familiar melody, from traditional Italian popular music to Philip Glass, that has you racking your brains for the titles.

Dorfman, an American, adds his own text to the soundtrack, while on stage he shapes potent images and imposes a wide range of dynamic. One minute the dancers lie in a horizontal line, rolling slowly from side to side, like a caterpillar advancing and reversing; another, they are spilling about with runs and rolls and whizzing turns. The allegorical words link up obliquely with the movement, transmitting ideas of love, sex and, above all, the destruction of the world — "the earth's gone flat again, there's people falling off for no good reason."

Him, created for this company with a Digital Dance Award, was the programme's best item, although the cast could do with more stamina and zip — as they could in Warren Heyes's short and sharp *Lindy Hop Bop*. By contrast, Janet Smith's *Turquoise is Tender* seems meandering and perplexing until the ending, which reveals it to be a metaphor for modern society crushing imagination and freedom with paperwork and machines.

The company has imagination and freedom in its repertoire. As Scotland's leading contemporary ensemble, its attractive, middle-of-the-road style does not disappoint.

NADINE MEISNER

PROM: Noble, venerable visitors

Masterly Masur

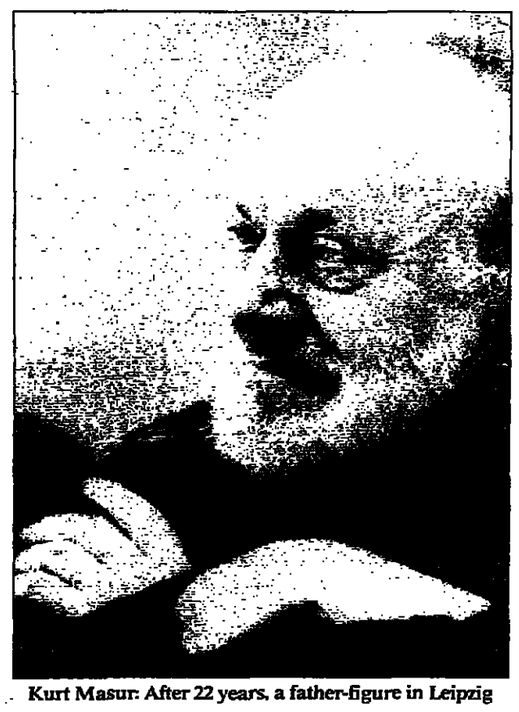
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra/ Masur
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Four slow movements one after another: isn't that a certain way of boring an audience to tears? Well, it was just after 8pm when Kurt Masur eased the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra imperceptibly into Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony — one of the most magical, hushed openings of any Prom this year — and gone 9.30 when the Germans finally broke into a gallop for the rambunctious scherzo of Bruckner's Fourth Symphony. But I will wager that there was not a bored customer among the 5,000 or so in the Albert Hall. This was music-making of gripping beauty and insight.

Schubert's long, wistful melodies were unfolded with a silken smoothness: nothing hurried, nothing strained. And where they lapsed into silence, Masur shaded them first into an ethereal shimmering, scarcely audible, so that the silence and the sound became different degrees of a shadowy half-life, not mutually exclusive opposites. Indeed, the whole symphony was played as if it were a dream elusively recollected, hovering between existence and extinction, occasionally troubling — as in the first movement development, when the double basses made a chilling descent to the sepulchral depths — but more often infinitely gentle and consolatory.

Pressed for a single word to describe this venerable orchestra, which can trace its 250-year-old ancestry back to Bach, one would choose nobility. There are ensembles with more obvious virtuosity and greater reserves of power. But has any horn player played the magical opening of Bruckner's Fourth Symphony with a more noble simplicity; or any viola section infused its great second-movement tune with a more noble lyricism? I doubt it.

There is another tradition at work here, too. Masur has been at the helm in Leipzig for 22 years, and still remains a father-figure despite his newfound celebrity with the New York Philharmonic. He recruited most of these players, and has moulded the orchestra according to his own musical lights. If anybody needed to be convinced of the virtue of long musical marriages, this concert offered them compelling evidence.



Kurt Masur: After 22 years, a father-figure in Leipzig

Masur knows that the secret of Bruckner is long-term vision. He has the ability to make vast paragraphs of music seem as preparatory as a single upbeat — and, conversely, to underline the significance of a tiny phrase, the true importance of which may only be grasped much later. The control was magisterial; only in the last few bars were the sonorous Leipzig brass fully unleashed. Exultation, when it finally arrived, came like a bursting dam.

RICHARD MORRISON

RADIO REVIEW: **Derwent May**

Confessions and exposures

Simon Gray's play **Suffer The Little Children** (Radio 4, Sunday) is about such unhappy people it would cheer anybody up to hear it. No family chaos, you felt blithely, could be as bad as what these characters were suffering.

The family has gathered for Sunday afternoon tea at the house of grandfather Jasper, a retired professor who sings "Oh for the wings of a dove" to himself at the beginning and the end of the play, and never says another word.

He has had three sons. Two of them are there, exchanging cries of "Darling!" with their wives at every opportunity. But when they are alone with their silent, perhaps sleeping, father, they take the chance to confess to him the terrible state they are in. Ben is a desperate alcoholic, who starts the day with whisky in his breakfast coffee and suspects (correctly) that his novelist wife Maggie has been having an affair and hates him. Henry, who is a hopelessly inefficient doctor and knows it, has slipped into a feeble affair with a woman patient who is now about to expose him. Dick, the third brother, now dead, was the paragon of the family, or so both the other brothers fall over themselves to insist — but it slowly emerges that he was an utterly hateful character who stole money as a boy and other men's wives as a man. There is a brilliant twist of the knife in the already bleeding wounds when young Matt, Dick's son, steals some money from Ben as he lies half-stupefied with a bottle of malt — and in that dazed moment Ben realises that it was, in fact, Dick who stole Maggie from him.

This is just to disentangle a few of the lies, deceptions and self-deceptions that have this family in thrall. Around them bustles Nanty, Jasper's distant cousin and housekeeper, sentimentalising everything, realising nothing, and full of a suppressed hatred of them all that comes out in a permanent headache. Nanty was splendidly played by Siân Phillips. Simon Gray's art, one might say, is to invent headaches that drive away other people's.

Mark Tully, the BBC India correspondent who criticised John Birt in a well-publicised speech in July, turned up in an odd programme on Radio 4 last Wednesday, **Thy Good and Faithful Servant**. It was supposed to portray the no doubt excellent relationship between Tully and his servant in Delhi, Ram Chander. But it practically painted Tully sahib as a god, worshipped by the old ex-sweeper as a perfect master whom he would follow anywhere. Tully has described the BBC's director-general as Big Brother; was it a good idea for him to bask in the cult of personality as he seemed to be doing here?

Sequestered celebration of accessible moderns

Barry Millington reports from South Wales on the Vale of Glamorgan Festival, which features works and performances by living composers

If the tranquil wooded valleys of South Wales seem an unlikely venue for an annual celebration of contemporary music, it is a measure of the achievement of John Metcalf and his colleagues that the **Vale of Glamorgan Festival** has now attracted the broad following it has. Some of this year's events had to be pursued down remote, winding, coastal roads, but the country houses, cathedrals and castles called into service make for delectable concert venues and do not appear to deter the hardy festival-goer.

No doubt the brand of contemporary music on offer has something to do with it. The 1993 festival boasted Steve Reich (in person), hot-foot from his presentations of *The Cave* in London, and John Adams. Concerts devoted to their music provided the outer pillars, while Michael Nyman, the man credited with coining the term "minimalism", was represented along with various like-minded composers of the next generation, including Graham Fitkin, Steve Martland, Charlie Barber and Eleanor Alberga. Many of these now shun the term "minimalism" — rather as Windscale sought a new identity as Sellafield — but it was not possible to get far without encountering some degree of obsession with repeated ostinato figures and minimal resources.

For this unconverted listener, at least, the most rewarding items were those that employed "process" techniques with greatest latitude. The Jamaican-born Eleanor Alberga uses ostinato in *Sun Warrior* to represent the spiritual quest for "light and unity", and her evocative meditations have a poetic quality that is less apparent in the mind-numbing repetitions of hard-core minimalists. She also has the flair for striking gestures (for example, the rousing horn calls of the last movement) and for imaginative tone-colouring — both of which virtues tend to be at a premium in this school of composition.

Arvo Pärt's *Introductory Prayers*, for all its hesitant, fragmented progress, similarly has a spiritual dimension and a special intensity. These qualities were well caught by the members of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta, conducted by Odaline de la Martinez in this concert, in Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff.

The intensity of Michael Nyman's music, on the other hand, is not so much spiritual as animal. His one-movement saxophone concerto, *Where The Bee Dances*, has all the familiar Nyman hallmarks — endlessly chugging rhythms, banks of undifferentiated sound that might have been scored by computer — yet the sheer exuberance of this performance had an electrical energy that I found hard to resist. John Harle, for whom it was written, rose to the climaxes with the kind of screeching, distorted tone that the composer presumably required.

A less gut-wrenching piece by Nyman, *On The Fiddle*, was one of four new works given by the violinist Madeleine Mitchell and friends the previous evening in Bradenstoke Hall, St Donat's Castle. Deriving from music composed by Nyman for Peter Greenaway films, *On The Fiddle* drew some flawlessly executed double-stopping from Mitchell.

Composers used to travel to Paris to study with Nadia Boulanger. Now their biographies proclaim their apprenticeship with tom-tom players in the Central African Republic. Charlie Barber's *Sons d'Afrique* draws on the composer's experience with both African and rock music.

Graham Fitkin's music is usually about as euphonious as his monosyllabic titles: *Stub*, *Cud* and *Loud* are typical examples. The positively loquacious title of his festival commission, *Ardent*, perhaps heralds a new mellowness, for the sounds are less rebarbative, even if they are organised into the familiar vacuous progressions.

The fourth world premiere was by John Metcalf himself: a five-minute taster for a forthcoming music-theatre work called *Kafka's Chimp*. Metcalf's wit and resourcefulness should stand him in good stead over the longer span.

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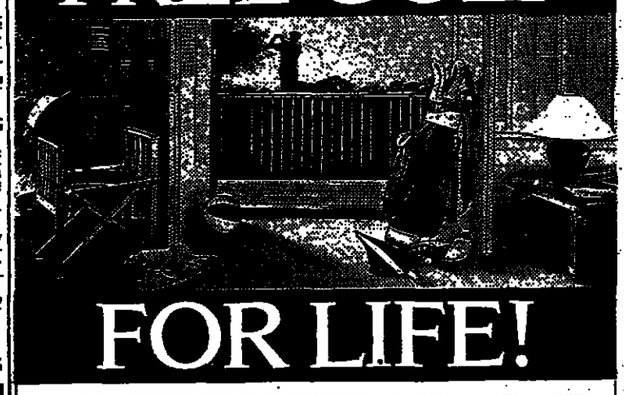
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Safe as houses — but is a home the place for your savings?

Rachel Kelly looks at the long-term investment value of bricks and mortar

The belief that putting money into bricks and mortar has proved the best investment over the years is a favourite of saloon-bar pundits and dinner-party bores. The reality is rather different, according to figures from the Household Mortgage Corporation (HMC).

The lender traced seven investments, assuming an imaginary £1,000 invested in each on January 1, 1983, and calculated how much they would have been worth a decade later. The top performer proves to be shares. Based on an average of the All-Share Index, £1,000 invested in the stock market in 1983 would be worth £4,420 today, according to HMC.

Next in line are unit trusts — worth £3,685 today; followed by classic cars, and then houses, almost level-pegging with building society investments. A disappointing investment decision would have been to plump for gilts, now worth £1,239 or, worse still, gold — worth just £765.73.

To assess the increase in investment values, inflation must be taken into account. £1,000 in 1983 is the equivalent of £1,669 today.

The house price figures show clearly the increase in prices from 1987 to 1989, caused partly by the drop in interest rates in the last quarter of 1987 and partly by the abolition of dual tax relief on mortgages in 1988. Despite the falls of the past two years, houses on average have not lost all the gains they made during 1987-90.

All the figures are based on averages, worked out for January of each year. Jeff Wagland, of the Household Mortgage Corporation, says: "You will almost certainly be able to find higher and lower returns if you look at specific investments at specific times of year."

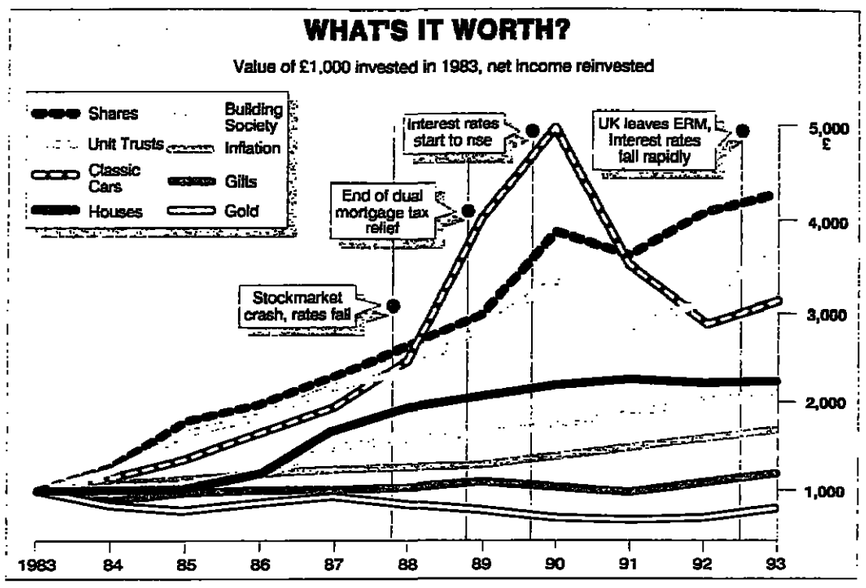
Share prices soared during 1987, and when the crash came in October, they, in fact, fell to only slightly below their January 1987 levels. By January 1988, they were some 7 per cent higher than the previous year.

The graph clearly indicates the volatility of the top three performers — shares, unit trusts and classic cars. And, as Adrian Coles, director-general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, points out, when investing in, for example, unit trusts, it is important to pick the right trust from the 1,200 or so on offer. "You could lose half your money, or you could quadruple it," he says.

Looking at an investment in houses in relation to unit trusts or cars does not compare like with like. One divider is between investments with utility built in, such as houses or cars, and those with none: another is the way the taxman treats gains; a third the risk profile; a fourth the accessibility of your money. Mr Coles points to the problems homeowners have had in recent years in trying to realise their asset.

On the stock market, income tax is due on dividends, and capital gains tax on profits over the tax threshold for both shares and unit trusts unless you are a non-taxpayer. (Tax can be avoided by investing in a personal equity plan.) Income tax is also due on any investment income from a building society, though this can be tax free for non-taxpayers or if put in a TESSA account. Gains on gilts are also taxable as income.

Perhaps the single most attractive feature of investing in property is that there is no tax to pay on gains made on principal private residences, and buyers also get tax relief on mortgages. Against this should be weighed against the high costs of conveyancing, stamp duty, maintenance and insurance. "Even so", Mr Wagland says, "among the relatively safe investments, houses have performed best of all."



When a millstone is more than a liability

Owning an old mill by the stream may be everyone's dream, but it can be a costly reality, reports **Christine Webb**

If you have not heard of a millwright, you may soon. Craftsmen with the skills to restore mills to their former glory are in demand.

One such millwright is Malcolm Cooper. He helps people to realise their romantic dreams of seeing the water paddling merrily through water wheels that may have been still for decades. He has a full order book.

Mr Cooper, from Carom Water Crafts, in Melksham, Wiltshire, one of Britain's few millwrights, has a job that demands mastery of several trades, from engineering to carpentry, plus a problem-solving talent.

For between £10,000 and £15,000, Mr Cooper can replace a water wheel, he can re-cog a pit wheel for £750 and re-cut a pair of millstones for £200 to £300. He also installs water turbines.

He leads a peripatetic life: "I usually visit a mill to strip it down and measure it up, then buy the materials. I give detailed drawings for the metalwork to a local company which makes a part I need, then I go back and fit it together.

"I restore about four water wheels a year and re-cut millstones and do maintenance work in between. Usually a mill is made of mild steel, cast iron and oak. It can contain £2,000-worth of steel and £1,000-worth of timber."

The power generated by a wheel is calculated by measuring the width of the sluicegate, the depth of water flowing over it, and from the top of the millpond to the bottom of the water wheel, Mr Cooper says.

"It helps if the mill's been working within the past 14 years or so. The ideal is to have a turbine to give you the power and the wheel to give you the appearance because a turbine has less resistance and is more efficient," adds Mr Cooper.

Some owners get the satisfaction of generating their own electricity, a bonus they often stumble across after buying a home for its position rather than its working parts. Most mills are listed, and that includes the machinery.

> It helps if the mill has been working within the past 14 years

Planners often consult the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings before granting permission for conversion. Clare McLaren, administrator of the society's wind and water mill section, says: "The machinery is part of the listing and must be preserved, which can cost money.

"This must be considered by anyone thinking of buying a mill for conversion: they are not going to be able to rip out the machinery, we could never condone that. Several people have been taken to court for removing machinery and were forced to buy it back and reinstate it.

"There are people who have built a home around the machinery, laying fitted carpets around the millstone, which is appalling, the mill isn't a mill any more, it's an uncomfortable compromise for everyone.

"Those taking on listed buildings must know the responsibility beforehand. If it needs repairing, a local authority may issue an enforcement order, people can land in a situation where they can't afford to repair the mill, and might not be able to sell it if it won't convert properly into a home. But when conversion is the only way a building can be saved from ruin we do concede that."

Potential buyers can join the society for £18 a year. A newsletter lists mills for sale. A working mill needs regular maintenance, and the society recommends about ten millwrights, including Mr Cooper.

Dorothea Restorations, of Bristol Avon, and Stockport, Cheshire, is also listed. Adam Gifford, manager of the company's Bristol works, agrees that some mills are unsuitable for living in. "A mill can be low in the flood plain, and susceptible to flooding. A miller often lived in a separate building, and if the mill wasn't built as a dwelling it may have peculiar ceiling heights, chutes might run from floor to floor, allowing heat, cold and damp to percolate from end to end, or what could be a nice living space is cluttered with listed machinery.




Crowdy Mill at Harbertonford, Devon, complete with millstones

"Mills often lose their water supply, especially in urban areas where flood prevention is a priority. But the fact that a building is a mill usually adds to its value. Restored mills are lovely. We've got many up and running."

Derek Hasken fulfilled a dream when he restored a derelict Wiltshire mill near Calne to grinding flour ten years ago. "My family have been milling for hundreds of years, so I've always been interested, there's a lot of romance attached to it," he says. "I did produce flour, though not any more. But this mill has the most perfect setting in England. From the back door I can see the millpond with a punt on it, geese, ducks and hills in the background."

> 'The machinery is part of the listing and must be preserved'

It is not always clear from estate agents' particulars what remains of old mills' mechanical potential, but as living space they are usually striking. Stags' branch at Dulverton, Somerset, has three attractive conversions on its books, ranging from Nutscale Mill near Porlock, priced at £175,000, including 13 acres of land and, presumably, the two millstones leaning against its front hedge, to Hartford Mill, £275,000, at Brompton Regis, set in a secret fold of Exmoor, which is mentioned in the Domesday Book but appears to have lost its milling connections.

Stags can also offer a £115,000 mill in the village of Heasley Mill, near South Molton, which is ripe for the attention of an expert such as Mr Cooper. It was worked until the 1950s and still has the drive wheel, two stones, and a water wheel that needs restoration.

Jackson-Stops & Staff has two Devon mills for sale. Crowdy Mill, at Harbertonford, near Totnes, offered at about £400,000, boasts holiday accommodation in converted barns and a separate cottage as well as a café in a working cornmill which produces organic flour. For £210,000, Rosedown Mill, near Hartland, Devon, has a refurbished five-bedroomed house, plus 25 acres, although its mill in an adjoining building needs restoration.

George Chenevix-Trench bought a four-storey converted mill at Worton, near Devizes, which was advertised in *The Times*, and asked Mr Cooper to convert a 16-inch turbine to supply his hot water and heat 28 radiators plus a swimming pool. "We set a target of £5,000 and got by on that because we inherited £18,000-worth of equipment. The water wheel had been removed and a turbine put in during the war when families brought their grain here. The turbine is a much more efficient brute, it saves us a lot of money. Our bills would be about £1,200 a year, so it's paid for itself already.

"We have a wonderful house here. The timbers are longer than a ship's, and our living room is 24 yards long. It is like the deck of the *The Victory*. The reverberation of the turbine through the timbers is also like being on a ship, there's a pulsating rhythm that rocks us to sleep.

"The house is in a beautiful situation, there are willows everywhere, we're terribly proud of it. Everyone stops dead when they come in and says 'Wow!'."

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Houses with a name

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First Lloyd's "names" let their second homes in the country; now they have started letting their homes in London.

Agents report that a rich source of new business is homes up for rent belonging to Lloyd's names in the metropolis; 30 per cent of the homes on the books of the company A Place Like Home, which arranges lets to tourists and business people, belong to names and the number is growing, say its founders.

Silvia Johnston, one of the partners, says: "We have found that the majority of new properties on our books are owned by Lloyd's names who don't want to sell their London home but are having to find ways of earning extra income.

"Short lets provide the ideal solution as they are usually only for a couple of weeks at a time which means the owners still have control of their property and can move back into it whenever they want.

"People would not think of letting them unless they had to. These are not professional lets. They are privately owned quality homes." Some people even leave behind personal photographs; others take everything.

The market is growing because visitors prefer enjoying the warmth and comfort of someone else's home rather than staying in a hotel.

"Seasoned travellers know that if they blink in a hotel they could be anywhere in the world," Ms Johnston says.

Mary Smith (not her real name) is typical. She has a comfortable two-bedroom Mews home in central London. She is approaching middle-age and has had a successful career in broadcasting and running her own catering firm. But she lost her company in the recession and life as a Lloyd's name has soured.

She became a name when her financial advisers suggested it in 1989. Luckily she took out a limited liability stop loss so that her losses, so far, are just her life savings. She says: "Without it I would be in the gutter by now."

Miss Smith will pack her personal belongings and stay with friends. She says: "It just seemed to me to be a good idea for getting some money. I have a nice, comfortable house, my home for nine years. It is perfectly ordinary because few of us are fat cats like everyone seems to think.

"I will let it on a regular basis for two or three weeks at a time. It's going to be a nice income because I have not got much else and we all have this recurring daily nightmare that it's going to get worse. I am down £50-60,000 so far and this is a good idea because at least it is something." She knows that her Lloyd's loses could rise further and force her to sell up.

The houses on the books of A Place Like Home are at the top end of the market, mainly in Belgravia, Chelsea, Knightsbridge and South Kensington. Prices range from £375-a-week for a one-bedroom flat in Sloane Avenue to £1,000-a-week for a three-bedroom house close to Harrods, to £4,000 for a six-bedroom house with swimming pool.

DAVID THURLOW

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Going, going, and gone . . . to the auction

Sellers and buyers are taking an interest in purchase by the hammer


The swimming pool cabin in the garden at Dove House

Auctioning a house has long been an option for agents, banks and building societies, mainly when selling repossessed or undesirable property. Yet it has stayed out of bounds for most homeowners.

An American firm, Kennedy Wilson, believes this can change and has launched a package in Britain aimed specifically at the individual buyer or seller.

For the past two years, the firm has specialised in auctioning new properties for developers in this country. It decided to diversify after being contacted by home owners who had seen information about the sales and were interested in using its services.

The homes to be auctioned, the company says, will be in good condition, and ready to be occupied. There is an upfront fee for sellers of £1,000.

Mortgage finance advice and legal advice is available for prospective buyers and "how to buy" seminars will take place before the auction.

David Goldsworthy, president of the National Association of Estate Agents, says that "there could be a place for this method of selling a home, especially for those who want to secure a quick sale".

After months of waiting for viewers or offers, ten homeowners have turned to the firm to sell their homes in its first auction of the kind, which takes place at the Heathrow Park Hotel on October 3.

"The demand was there and we responded to it," Aubrey Glaser, the firm's managing director, says. "People are finding that in some areas the market is not as energetic as they would like it to be. They want to be part of a programme and see something happening."

David and Gillian Cowlishaw, from Nottinghamshire, decided to auction Dove House, their home after having it on the market for two-and-a-half years. "We went for months without any visitors," Mrs Cowlishaw says.

The reserve price on the house has been set at £180,000. They hope it will be bid up to the last asking price of £219,500. Mrs Cowlishaw says: "The normal approach did not work. Let's hope the revolutionary one does."

She admits it took some courage to decide to auction their biggest asset. "We really are taking a gamble. I don't think I have the guts to attend the auction."

Houses will be on show for four weekends before the auction.

However, not everyone is convinced that auctioning is a good idea. Tony Copping Joyce, housing market spokesman for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, says: "It's just a gimmick. It reduces the number of purchasers. There are rare cases of people having the ready cash to buy property in this way, but that does not represent the average home-buyer."

Trevor Kent, past president of the National Association of Estate Agents, says sellers should be aware of the fast exchange of contracts that happens after an auction. "They need to consider whether they have got somewhere to live and store any furniture as soon as the auction is over."

The National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux advises would-be buyers to proceed with care. "If you have the ready cash you can get a bargain," Moira Haynes, the press officer, says. "But buyers should consult a solicitor and ensure there are no hidden problems with the property they are buying. Once the hammer is down, the property is theirs."

JENNAI COX

No birds please or bondage

Perils of trying to rent a home

Since I started my search for a three-bedroom house to rent in north London, I have been held to ransom over a pair of silver chopsticks, persecuted by a green parrot and may have been a witness to a sado-masochistic horror chamber.

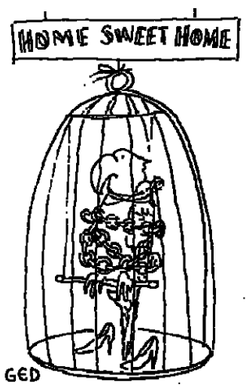
After a 14-week search and viewing 45 properties, two friends and I have found our dream home. But, in the process, I almost lost many other friends and my sanity.

House hunting is hell. Leaving my old house before finding another was the first mistake. I thought I would find a new one before my notice was up. I did not. For the past month, I have been living with friends all over London, crossing north to south and east to west with suitcase in hand, unable to remember my new telephone number or where I had left my alarm clock and toothbrush.

I stayed with one friend in Finchley who owns a parrot. For someone with an irrational fear of birds, her huge, green, squawking pet became hard to handle. One day, when he was allowed to fly free indoors, I was exiled to the garden for five hours.

My companions and I began our search for a house by signing up with about 30 letting agencies. Each day we scoured the *Evening Standard* and local newspapers.

Sadly, we had not reckoned on the incompetence of letting agents. Nor had we made allowances for their inability to understand that our request for three bedrooms meant three, not two, and our desire to live in north London did not mean we wanted to look at houses in Essex.



One agent took us to a house in Camden Town occupied by a hippy tenant. Our eyes resting nervously on huge paintings of naked women in chains in the lounge. Upstairs, one of the bedrooms was crammed full of a startling array of bondage equipment. The agent coughed nervously. We made our excuses and left.

Afterwards, the agent asked optimistically: "What do you think of the house then?"

We often rang property agents only to find that an advertised house had never existed, but that the agent had a "soooooperb, luxury house with three hoooge bedrooms in the heart of Islington. Fantastic. You've got to see it." The house would be miles away from the Tube, with rabbit hutches for bedrooms and stinking of damp.

All I wanted was my own drawer for my underwear, my own spice rack, my books on my shelf and a home for my record albums.

I finally flipped when my former landlord refused to return my deposit of a few hundred pounds. When I asked why, he said: "I left a pair of silver chopsticks in the house when you moved in and they have gone missing." I certainly never saw the chopsticks and will probably have to take him to court to try to recover my deposit.

To cap it all, having been told that I would be able to move into my new home straight away, I have just discovered that I will have to wait for another two weeks. The only solution is to take my holiday early. Leaving the country is one way out of the rental nightmare.

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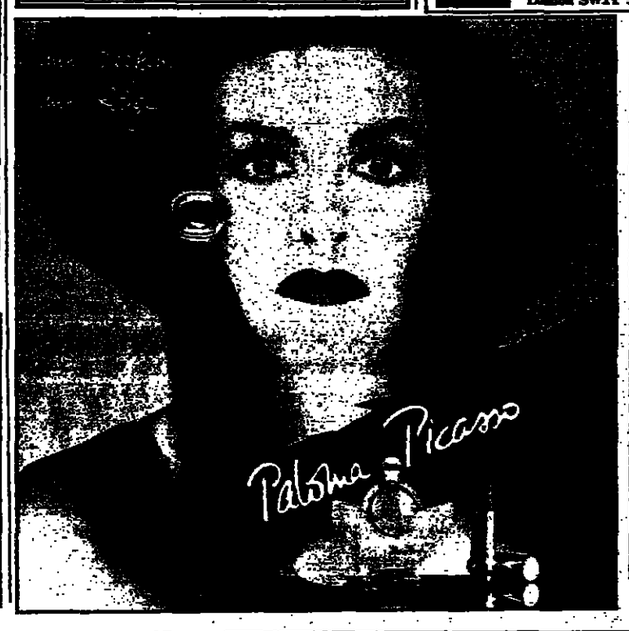
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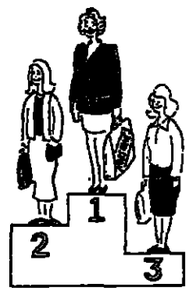
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Searles erase doubts over fitness

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL
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IN ROUDNICE
CZECH REPUBLIC

GREG and Jonny Searle, Britain's Olympic champions, dispelled any doubts about their race fitness in their coxed pairs heat at the world championships here yesterday by booking a place in the final on Sunday.

Their fast finish, which crushed the Abbagnale brothers of Italy, in Barcelona, was not required and they dropped to a leisurely 32 strokes after 1,750 metres. The Abbagnales led the other heat to 1,500 metres but eased down at 1,750 metres when the Germans and French overtook them.

Peters and Woddow, of Germany, who were fourth in the Olympics, pipped the French pair by 0.2sec to reach the final directly with the Searles.

All 16 British crews remain involved after the two preliminary days, some with clear medal prospects, including the lightweight sculler, Peter Haining, from Scotland. Haining, 31, defeated Pepign Aardewijn, the 1992 silver medal-winner, of Holland, to reach the semi-finals. He was the only heat winner to break the seven-minute barrier.

The lightweight eight were the only other British crew to finish first yesterday, cruising home ahead of Canada and a strangely rigged Italian crew to enter the final on Sunday. Denmark, a split second faster than Britain at the Lucerne regatta, looked equally in control in winning their heat.

Helen Mangan and Patricia Corless recovered from their disappointment in the women's lightweight double sculls on Monday to hold off the Germans for second place in their repechage yesterday, earning them a world final appearance for the second successive year.

The day finished with a promising performance from the newly formed and untried British eight. Although slow off the mark, they did a fast third quarter to overtake Australia to finish third.

With four boats in finals and four in semi-finals, the future progress of eight other British crews depends on repechages today. The time of Sue Key, the lightweight sculler, in failing to qualify directly was faster than four scullers who progressed in other heats.

Durie bows out as injuries take their toll at US Open

Wood keeps British flag flying

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN NEW YORK

THE first day of the US Open here at Flushing Meadow was reserved almost exclusively for the lesser lights. Only seven of the 32 seeds were on view, an imbalance that the organisers explained was at the request of the leading players.

They had either been involved in events in other parts of the country at the weekend and wanted additional rest or they had social engagements on Monday night. Apart from the elimination of Petr Korda, the ninth seed, the tournament therefore began almost apologetically slowly.

Nevertheless, the day was spanned by British interest. It started at 11am with Clare Wood and ended at 7.50pm with Jo Durie. Both expressed similar concerns about the lack of domestic success, a cry that contrasted with the optimism stirred especially by the men's performances during the first week at Wimbledon.

But Jeremy Bates and Chris Bailey were the only two to threaten to qualify here and both of them fell a round short last week. Wood, 25, Britain's No 1, reached the second round with one of the finest victories of her career against Miriam Oremans, but she has been left on her own to carry the flag, an experience that is not unfamiliar.

"It is a shame that more British players are not at big events like this or on the tour as a whole", she said. "It is not much fun for me and it is going to take some time for the youngsters to come through."

Since Wimbledon, though, she herself has regressed. She was in the top 100 in the world rankings a couple of months ago, albeit by the narrowest margin, but has slipped to 117th. Durie, for so long Britain's the nation's best player, has dropped to 154th after a year of persistent injury.

It continued when, after leading 3-1 in the final set, she was beaten by Karine Quentrec, a virtual unknown from France. Durie, though not downhearted about her own failure, echoed the words of Wood as she left a floodlit court 16.

"I'm worried that there are only the two of us," she said, "and there are not exactly millions lining up behind us. It gives me an incentive to keep playing, but I feel as though a year has gone by without me being able to compete."

She was to have undergone an operation on her troublesome right knee — "to have the tendon scraped" as she put it — but has been advised against it by her doctor, physiotherapist and coach. The odds against a complete success and subsequent recovery are so high that it was not thought to be worth the risk.

She wore an opaque plaster on the wounded joint (so similar to an enlarged nicotine patch that someone joked she was making an overt attempt to give up smoking) and her lack of mobility was obvious. "I didn't relish running for those drop-shots," she said. "That is how I hurt it in the first place.

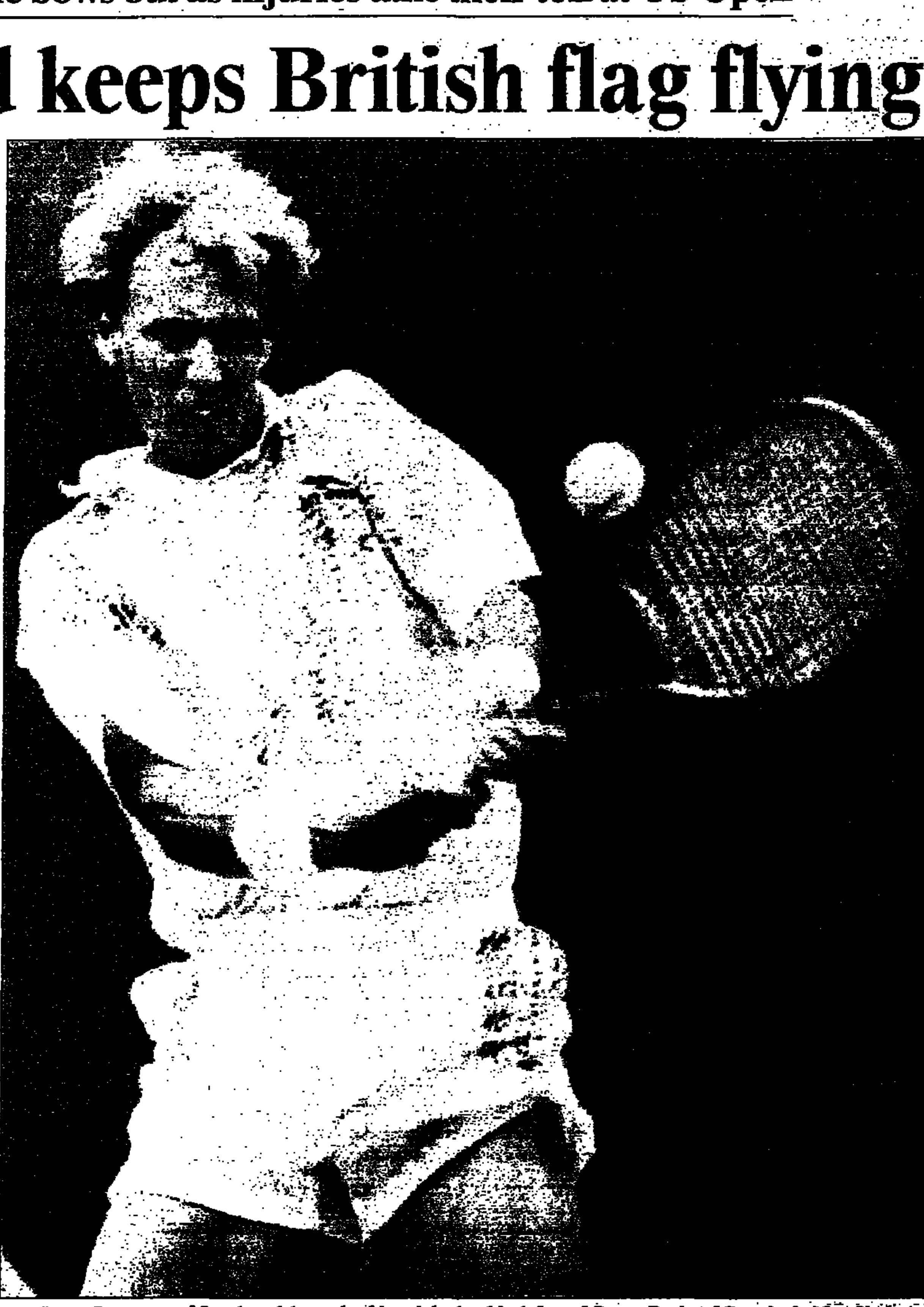
"I'm enjoying it more and more and I want to keep playing for another year. I don't see why I should give up just because I'm 33, but I hope Martina [Navratilova] keeps going. If I have to qualify here next year, then I'm determined to do it."

Even though she feels that she is performing at only 80 per cent of her full capacity, Durie intends to compete in at least four more tournaments before the end of the year, including the national championships at Telford.

During the night session, which attracts an appreciably bigger audience, Paul Haarhuis toyed with the most embarrassing of defeats. On the main stadium court, the Dutchman lost of the first eight games to David Wheaton.

Nevertheless, he recovered in spectacular fashion, not only levelling the match but going on to win 0-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4. At the end of a sleepy opening day, the audience was at least treated to some excitement.

□ The stabbing of Monica Seles has brought tighter security here. Players are escorted by security guards virtually everywhere within the complex, even on court. During matches, two guards sit behind the chair umpire, just in front of the stands. When players change ends, the guards come on to the court and face the stands.



Jonas Svensson, of Sweden, drives a backhand during his defeat of Goran Prpic, of Croatia, in New York

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: C-U Steeb (Ger) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt S Simian (Fr), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt G Stafford (SA), 2-6, 6-7, 6-2, 1-0, ret; A Krickstein (US) bt G Pozzi (It), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-1; D Vacek (Cz) bt C Dosedel (Cz), 2-6, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; J Yzaga (Peru) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1; J Svensson (Swe) bt G Prpic (Cro), 6-1, 6-2, 7-6; I Majoli (Cro) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; B Schultz (Holl) bt R De Los Rios (Par), 6-2, 7-6; A Fusai (Fr) bt K Rinaldi (US), 6-4, 6-3; D Monami (Bel) bt F Bentivoglio (It), 7-6, 6-2; D Poliakov (Russ) bt B Garnett (US), 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; M Damm (Cz) bt J Fleurian (Fr), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; N Pereira (Ven) bt C Caratti (It), 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; K Ulyett (SA) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-3, 5-7, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

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WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: S Graf (Ger) bt R White (US), 6-3, 6-0; Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan) bt S Rottier (Holl), 6-0, 6-2; N Muns-Jagerman (Holl) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; C Wood (GB) bt M Oremans (Holl), 6-3, 6-1; E Reinach (SA) bt A Grossman (US), 7-5, 6-2; S Stafford (US) bt H Cioffi (US), 6-4, 7-6; C Singer (Ger) bt N Dahlman (Fin), 7-6, 6-4; M McGrath (US) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; C Wegink (Holl) bt S Farina (It), 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; E Likhovtseva (Russ) bt A Leand (US), 6-3, 6-2; L Harvey-Wild (US) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg), 6-2, 6-0; G Helgeson (US) bt J Watanabe (US), 7-5, 6-4; S Appelmans (Bel) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 7-5, 6-4; M Navratilova (US) bt G Pizzichini (It), 6-0, 6-1; A Huber (Ger) bt K Kschwendt (Lux), 6-2, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt M Werdel (US), 7-5, 6-4; J Halard (Fr) bt P Kamstra (Holl), 6-4, 7-6, K Radford (Aus) bt C Kuhlman (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; S Meier (Ger) bt N Ercegovic (Cro), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; S Hack (Ger) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-0, 6-2; W Ferreira (SA) bt P Korda (Cz), 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; B Black (Zim) bt B-O Pedersen (Nor), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; L Bale (SA) bt C Arriens (Ger), 6-1, 6-0, 6-2; S Matsuoka (Japan) bt A Olhovskiy (Russ), 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

L Raymond (US) bt L Ferrando (It), 6-3, 7-6; P Hy (Can) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan), 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; E Zardo (Switz) bt C Papadaki (Gr), 6-1, 6-1; L Golarsa (It) bt R Dragomir (Rom), 6-2, 6-3; K Quentrec (Fr) bt J Durie (GB), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; J Wiesner (Austria) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4; C Martinez (Sp) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-2, 6-3; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt L Savchenko-Neiland (Lat), 6-3, 6-3; L McNeil (US) bt J Steven (US), 6-3, 6-3; N Arendt (US) bt K Kroupova (Cz), 6-0, 6-3; C Rubin (US) bt V Martinek (Ger), 6-4, 6-3; B Rittner (Ger) bt Li Fang (China), 6-3, 6-0.

Brewers to sponsor international teams

COURAGE, the brewers, sponsors of rugby union's clubs championship, are the new financial backers of British international rugby league (Christopher Irvine writes). A record £1.3 million three-year deal under the John Smith's Bitter label covers the Great Britain, England and Wales teams up to and including the 1995 World Cup in Britain.

Scott Gibbs, the Swansea, Wales and British Isles rugby union centre, yesterday met officials of St Helens, who hope to persuade him to sign a four-year agreement worth around £250,000. Should Gibbs, 22, sign this week, he could make his professional debut as a substitute in the home fixture against Salford on Sunday. Wigan confirmed an approach last week by the player's agent, but Jack Robinson, the club chairman, denied any interest.

Oldham have put Craig Richards, who was their eleventh signing of the summer, into the squad for the opening championship game on Friday against his former club, Bradford Northern. Bob Lindner, the Australian international forward, is also expected to make his debut.

Tour place for Pocock

CRICKET: Blair Pocock, an opening batsman from Northern Districts, is the only newcomer in the New Zealand party for the tour of Australia which starts on October 15. Pocock came to prominence with a century for a New Zealand XI against the England touring team in Nelson at the beginning of last year. A surprise inclusion is Mark Haslam, the left-arm spinner, who toured Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka, playing in two Tests, but could not gain a place in the Auckland provincial side on his return. The tour itinerary includes three Test matches and they will also take part in the triangular World Series Cup.

TOUR PARTY: M D Crowe (captain), K R Rutherford, M J Greatbatch, B A Pocock, A H Jones, B A Young, D N Patel, T E Blain, C L Cairns, D K Morrison, W Watson, S B Doull, M L Su'a, M Haslam. Coach: G P Howarth.

Christie signs off

ATHLETICS: Linford Christie has been given the chance to finish his season in style in the grand prix final at Crystal Palace next week. The world sprint champion feared he would not be able to take part, because the 100 metres was not on the programme, but a special invitation race has now been included after talks between Andy Norman, the promoter, and Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. "It's great news and will be a nice way to say thank you to all my home supporters," Christie said.

Singapore boycott

SQUASH: Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, the world champion, was among five leading players who scratched from the Singapore Open yesterday in protest at the dangerous state of the court. Those joining in the protest included the No 2 seed, Brett Martin, of Australia, and the English champion, Phil Whitlock. The players complained that the floor of the court at the Kallang Squash Complex was too slippery and dangerous for a major event. The Professional Squash Association decided not to discipline the players and ruled that the tournament would no longer carry ranking points.

Step up for McGibbon

PAT McGibbon, the young Manchester United defender, is in the Northern Ireland party for the World Cup qualifying match against Latvia in Belfast next Wednesday. With his team virtually out of contention for a place in the finals, Billy Bingham, the manager, has decided the time is right give McGibbon, 19, some experience at this level.

SQUAD: T Wright (Newcastle United), A Fettis (Hull City), G Fleming (Barnsley), A McDonald (Queens Park Rangers), G Taggart (Barnsley), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), K Wilson (Notts County), M Donaghy (Chelsea), J Magilton (Oxford United), M Hughes (Strasbourg), I Dowie (Southampton), P Gray (Sunderland), K Black (Nottingham Forest), J Quinn (Reading), M O'Neill (Hibernian), D Patterson (Crystal Palace), K Rowland (West Ham United), P McGibbon (Manchester United).

Reid issues caution

CRICKET: South Africa were warned by the match referee, John Reid, for poor behaviour during the first Test against Sri Lanka which ended in a draw on Monday. Reid, the former New Zealand captain, summoned the South African team management at the end of the fourth day's play and told them that their players' behaviour during the Test was, in his opinion, "excessive in certain areas". Mike Procter, the South African coach, said Reid had not been specific about what those "certain areas" were, but had said a couple of throws into the wicket had hit the batsmen.

FOR THE RECORD

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Late results on Monday

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leeds United 1, Oldham Athletic 0.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Halifax Town 1, Stafford Rangers 1
DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Croydon 1, Uxbridge 4; Ruislip Manor 2, Barking 2. Second division: Chertsey 5, Thame 0, Egham 1, Hemel Hempstead 0; Hungerford 0, Witham 1, Newbury 2, Lewes 1, Rainham 1, Aldershot 2; Saffron Walden 3, Banstead 0; Ware 2, Hampton 1. Third division: Hertford 3, East Thurrock 2; Southall 1, Harlow 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Frickley 6, Whitley Bay 1; Gainsborough 2, Emley 0; Horwich 0, Bridlington 1, Hyde 2, Chorley 1, Knowsley 0, Accrington Stanley 0; Leek 2, Buxton 1, Morecambe 0, Bishop Auckland 2
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 3, Gresley 0, Bashley 2, Waterlooville 1; Burton 6, Nuneaton 1, Cambridge City 1, Hastings 0; Cheltenham 3, Moor Green 1; Corby 0, Chelmsford 0, Crawley 0, Gloucester 0, Dorchester 0, Farnborough 1, Sittingbourne 1, Trowbridge 0, Solihull 0, Halesowen 2, Worcester 0, Hednesford 0. Midland division: Bridgnorth 1, Stourbridge 4, Evesham 1, Tamworth 2; Forest Green 2, Clevedon 1; King's Lynn 3, Hinckley Town 2; Leicester Utd 2, Armitage 2, Newport AFC 2, RC Warwick 1; Rushden and D 3, Bedworth 1; Sutton Coldfield 3, Bilston 1; VS Rugby 3, Grantham 0; Yate 1, Weston-super-Mare 2. Southern division: Baldock 1, Sudbury 3, Braintree 1, Bury Town 1; Canterbury 0, Gravesend and N 5; Erith and B 0, Havant 2; Margate 3, Ashford 2, Poole 5, Fisher '93 4, Tonbridge 3, Wealdstone 0; Witney 4, Newport IOW 0.

BOWLS

WORTHING: Open tournament: Pairs: Second round: M Dare and G Hewetson bt M Ireland and W Hatto, 29-2; M O'Donovan and D Dennis bt T Cunningham and V Clarke, 30-9. A Mayne and J Davies bt E Foard and L Hamson, 29-7. S Hayward and E Hayward bt R Avery and A Weedon, 23-14. D Dawes and E Parsons bt J Barrass and D Mahoney, 19-14. D Wood and J Marshall bt R Beard and W Beard, 19-16. T Roberts and K Warren bt R Ridout and R Ridout, 18-14. J Palmer and F Hole bt B Alcoe and K Cheeseman, 24-19. A Sparrow and G Kitts bt L Beeks and C Alexander, 20-17. A Garnham and M Burryan bt G Pilbrow and J Stevens, 24-17. P Wicks and T Honnor bt P Brown and I Reed, 21-10; D Meads and A Perry bt A Huck and T Huck, 21-20.
Fours: second round: P Line bt H Sidebottom, 20-19; D Grimshaw bt J Sherwood, 19-18; D Little bt D Woosnam, 22-18; M Overington bt G Thompson, 23-15. R Ridout bt P Graysmark, 15-14, J Mackney bt E Lloyd, 20-17. E Crawford bt E Exall, 22-6. C Binco bt A Morris, 25-8. J Cripps bt N Lazonby, 23-12; A Ash bt K Hewitt, 23-10; M George bt V Thrower, 23-15. D Lawrence bt D Davies, 23-16; P Lundy bt J Hill, 20-7; W Hayward bt C Ford, 20-10; D Palmer bt G Osborn, 21-20; A Sparrow bt A Taylor, 22-19; J Stevens bt R Burgess, 26-12, D Miller bt G Hewetson, 26-17, D Golding bt J Exton, 21-17. P Wesser bt G Cooper, 23-16. A Trott bt P Palmer, 24-16. E Dennison bt J Chubb, 20-19.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 5, Florida 1, New York 5, Houston 4, Chicago 10, Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 10, St Louis 3. Montreal 6, Colorado 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 7, Texas 3, Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 1; Chicago 4, Minnesota 1; Toronto 4, Oakland 2; Detroit 13, Seattle 2.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Weymouth: Dorset 255-7 (G D Reynolds 85, J J E Hardy 75, G Sheppard 4-83) and 228-9 (Hardy 58, T Richings 50; L K Smith 4-39); Wiltshire 203 (S R Walbridge 4-59) and 241-9 (S M Perrin 67, P M Marsh 60, Greatorex 60). Match drawn. Amersham: Hertfordshire 206-1 dec (S Ducat 103 not out, M R Gouldstone 70 not out) and 229 (A Needham 110); Buckinghamshire 225-4 dec (M J Roberts 77) and 188. Hertfordshire won by 22 runs.

GOLF

THE BELFRY: Ford club golfers' home internationals: Wales 4, England 6; Scotland 7, Northern Ireland 3. Positions: 1, Scotland, 6pts; 2, England, 4; 3, Northern Ireland, 1; 4, Wales, 1.

ICE HOCKEY

SHEFFIELD: Olympic qualifying tournament: Poland 2, Latvia 6. Great Britain 2, Japan 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	7	2	2
Latvia	1	1	0	0	6	2	2
Japan	2	1	0	1	6	9	2
Great Britain	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Poland	2	0	1	1	4	8	1

ROWING

ROUDNICE, Czech Republic: World championships: Heats (British and Irish results): Men: Lightweight coxless pairs (first three to semi-finals, fourth to repechage). Heat one: 3, Ireland (A Smith and A O'Connor), 7min 2.92sec. Heat two: 4, Britain (M Williams and W Baker), 6.57.33. Lightweight coxless fours (to semi-finals): Heat two: 1, Britain (C Bates, C Smith, T Key, and T Hesslan), 6.17.29. Heat three: 1, Ireland (S Heany, F O'Callaghan, N Maxwell and N Darby), 6.21.57. Coxless pairs (to semi-finals). Heat one: 1, Britain (S Redgrave and M Pincent), 6.28.16. Coxless fours (to repechage): Heat three: 2, Britain (R Obhosar, R Marners, T Foster and B Hunt-Davis), 5.58.83. Coxed fours (eliminated). Heat one: 4, Britain (C Maclennan, M Feel, G Stewart, T Dillon and A Ellison), 6.07.45. Lightweight single sculls (to semi-finals). P Haining (GB), 6.58.37; N O'Toole (Ire), 7.05.73. Lightweight eights (to finals): Britain, 5.46.52. Coxed pairs (to final): Britain (J Searle, G Searle, C Herbert), 7.17.72.
Women: Lightweight double sculls (eliminated) Heat two: 3, Britain (H Mangan and P Corless), 7.24.90. Coxless pairs (to repechage): Heat two: 2, Britain (J Turvey and M Batten), 7.09.35. Coxless fours (eliminated). Heat two: 3, Britain (F Freckleton, A Hall, D Blackie and P Cross), 6.35.46.

MOTOR RACING

THRUXTON: British touring car championship: Fourteenth round: 1, D Leslie (GB), Vauxhall Cavalier, 20 laps, 27min 23.57sec; 2, P Radisich (NZ), Ford Mondeo, at 0.64sec; 3, A Rouse (GB), Ford Mondeo, 1.23. Overall: 1, J Winkelhock (Ger), BMW, 150pts; 2, S Soper (GB), BMW, 138; 3, J Cleland (GB), Vauxhall, 95

SHOOTING

BISLEY: British pistol championships: Stockholm Shield (free pistol): 1, M Gault (RAF), 552pts; 2, J Renouf (St John's, Jer), 550; 3, M Kemp (Fareham), 546. Anderson Trophy (rapid fire): 1, B Girling (Swadlincote), 572; 2, R Craven (City of Oxford), 569; 3, H Hunter (Marylebone), 567. Elizabeth Trophy (juniors): M Pennington (Mountney Jepherson), 533. Bologna Trophy (standard pistol): 1, Gault, 583; 2, S Pengelly (RAF), 582; 3, J Harrison (Marylebone), 557. Victoria Trophy (standard handgun): 1, Kemp, 583; 2, P Flippant (RAF), 577; 3, M Barnes (W Midland Police), 575. Allies Cup (short range championship): 1, Gault, 284; 2, G Robinson (Kensington), 281; 3, C Benest (Jer). Gallie Trophy (British open): 1, Gault, 292; 2, S Haynes (Cheshunt), 289; 3, Kemp, 286. Britannia Trophy (centre fire): 1, C Greenhough (LNER Chesterfield), 582; 2, Gault, 580; 3, Pengelly, 579. Evan Price Trophy (women's sport pistol): 1, Benest, 572; 2, S Green (Kettering), 569; 3, J Haigh (Okehampton), 559. NSRA open championship aggregate: 1, Gault, 881; 2, T Haynes (Leyland Cars), 856 (on countback); 3, J Cairns (Army), 856. A J Clark Trophy (Victor Ludorum): Gault.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Reading 53, Eastbourne 55; Coventry 53, Belle Vue 55; King's Lynn 63, Bradford 44. Second division: Exeter 52, Swindon 56; Rye House 64, Newcastle 44; Peterborough 69, Edinburgh 39; Swindon 64, Oxford 44.

YACHTING

BURNHAM WEEK: Third day: Class 1: Jamarella (A Gray); Class 2: Fiona of Burnham (D L Geaves); Class 3: Bottle (G W N Stewart); Class 4: Needlework (J R Lord); Class 5: D'Etente (R Tickner); Class 6: Sistermatic (A Soloway); Class 7: (no first) 2, Kelly (I Thain); Class 8: Sparrow's Nest II (B Cole); Sigma 33: Gull (F R Gooderham); Contessa 32: Red Jacket (D W Lenz); Dragon: Avalanche V (T Wade); Classic Boats: Starfox (J Tribe); Sonata: BO 2 (P Izatt); Flying 15: Bestroute (R Watson); National Squib: Inachus (K Tarkelsen); RCOD: Corpo Santo (M Anthony); RBOD: Quartz (F Adams); Sandhopper: Emma (T Keeper); Estuary: R Davies; Multicrew dinghy handicap A: Bilberry; B: Solitair; Laser: Greasing Downwind; Laser II: S Farrant.
Fourth day: Class 2: Jambo (S Lovegrove); Class 3: Harmony (R G Tubbs); Class 4: Needlework (B Lord); Class 5: Cheetah of Burnham (A H Croker); Class 6: Mr Bo Jangles (E Beavington); Class 7: Nymph (S Redman); Class 8: Quasar (C Cherry); Sigma 33: Gull (F D Gooderham); Contessa 32: Red Jacket (D W Lenz); Dragon: Hat Trick (M Holmes); Classic Boats: Aimee (R Neville); Sonata: Patricia (B Burnett); Flying Fifteen: Best Route (P Tait). National Squib: Nimbus (P Marchant); RCOD: Corella (V A J Maller); RBOD: Bluejacket (D Beale); Sandhopper: Pray (B S Starkey); Estuary: H Brelisford; Multicrew dinghy handicap A: A Mullis; B: J Marshall; Laser: A Law; Laser II: Farren; One-man dinghy handicap: D Unsworth.

SQUASH

SINGAPORE: Open championships: First round: A Kirkland (Eng) bt J Williams (Aus), 15-10, 15-8, 15-8; M Cairns (Eng) bt B Davis (Aus), 15-8, 15-6, 15-7; D Harris (Eng) bt F Possi (Ger), 15-5, 15-8, 15-4; P Nicol (Scot) bt N Gallagher (Aus), 15-10, 15-4, 15-9; S Meads (Eng) bt Abdel Hamid Fahim (Egypt), 15-9, 15-13, 15-9.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

TELEFERIC

(c) A cableway, adapted from the Italian *teleferica*, from the Greek *têlos* afar + *pherein* to carry: "It was found necessary to use what was known as the teleferica, or wire rope carrying cradles, which was extensively used by the Italians."

CAGNOTTE

(a) Money reserved from the stakes for the bank at certain gambling games, from the French: *Daily Express*, 1928: "The club has adopted the equivalent of the cagnotte system. A member winning a sum such as twenty-five pounds at a session is assessed approximately ten shillings. If he wins fifty pounds or over, he pays the club one pound."

DROPAX

(c) A pitch plaster, a depilatory, modern Latin, adapted from the Greek *dropax* pitch-plaster, from *dripein* to pluck: "*Dropacist*, one that pulls off hair, and makes the body bare."

PUNGLE

(c) To contribute, hand over, or pay, US colloquial, adaptation of the Spanish *pongdle* put it down, from *poner* put or give: Mark Twain, *Huckleberry Finn*, 1884: "'I'll ask him; and I'll make him pungle, too, or I'll know the reason why.'... Next day he went to Judge Thatcher's and tried to make him give up the money."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

After the unusual bishop exchange 1 Bh7+! Kxh7 2 Qxe6, f7 collapses and Black's cause is hopeless.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Cup
Preliminary round
Second leg

Cork City (2) v Cwmbran (3) (5.0)
Linfield (1) v Dynamo Tbilisi (2) (8.0)

European Cup Winners Cup
Preliminary round
Second leg

Apoel Nicosia (1) v Bangor (1) (7.0)
Shelbourne (0) v Karpaty Lvov (1)

FA Carling Premiership

Blackburn v Arsenal (7.45, all ticket)
Coventry v Liverpool (7.45, all ticket)
Manchester Utd v West Ham (8.0)
QPR v Sheffield Utd (7.45)
Sheffield Wed v Norwich (7.45)
Swindon v Manchester City (7.45, all ticket)
Tottenham v Chelsea (7.45, all ticket)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division

West Brom v Southend (7.45)

Second division

Brighton v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
Reading v Barnet (7.45)

Anglo-Italian Cup
Preliminary Round

Millwall v Charlton (7.45)

FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Hebburn v Horden C W; Denaby v Eccleshill; Collier Row v Dunstable, Cheshunt v Clapton; Hoddesdon v Hornchurch; Tring v Tilbury; Bognor Regis v Bracknell; Selsey v Ramsgate; Ryde v Totton; Glastonbury v Frome.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Burnham v Weymouth; Salisbury v Fareham.
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Soham Town v Wisbech; Stowmarket v Sudbury.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow v Chesham.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Matlock v Boston.
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Barnsley v Oldham (7.0); Burnley v Manchester City (7.15).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Oxford Utd v Bristol City; Watford v Luton; Wimbledon v Arsenal. Second division: Cardiff v Exeter (2.0); Cheltenham v Bournemouth; Plymouth v Birmingham; Swansea v Yeovil, Torquay v Hereford.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
Second day of four
11.0, 110 overs minimum

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Nottinghamshire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Northamptonshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Yorkshire.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Gloucestershire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Hampshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Essex.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Lancashire.

Tesco international match
First day of three

SCARBOROUGH: President's XI v Zimbabweans.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Second division

Hunslet v Doncaster

RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Askeans v Old Colfeians
Ayr v West of Scotland
Broughton Park v Wigan (6.0)
Coventry v Rugby (7.15)
Currie v Edinburgh Wanderers
Jed-Forest v Langholm
Kelso v Hawick
Lydney v Gloucester (7.0)
Melrose v Selkirk (6.0)
Morley v Wakefield
Newcastle Gosforth v Tynedale
Northampton v Metropolitan Police
Peebles v Gala
Preston Grasshoppers v Waterloo (6.30)
Redruth v Camborne (6.30)
Watsonians v Stirling County
West Hartlepool v Middlesbrough (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event (Burghley).
ICE HOCKEY: Olympic play-offs: Great Britain v Latvia (Sheffield, 8.0).
SPEEDWAY: British League: First division: Ipswich v Coventry (7.30). Second division: Middlesbrough v Swindon (7.30); Sheffield v Newcastle (7.30).

Beardsley may take action over injury

PETER Beardsley is considering taking legal action against Neil Ruddock over the challenge that left him with a fractured cheekbone during a pre-season testimonial game.

Beardsley, who was hurt after colliding with Ruddock's elbow, needed surgery after the game. "I have had a meeting with Peter and we are discussing the next legal move," Ian Robertson, Beardsley's solicitor, said yesterday. "I will study a medical report on him before we decide what amount of money we will claim."

Terry Brady could become Barnet's third chairman this year on Friday. Brady, father of the Birmingham City chief executive, Karren, has made an improved offer of £300,000 to take over the club. Brady, a publisher, is due to meet Stephen Glynne, who succeeded Stan Flashman as Barnet's chairman in July, before the matter is discussed at a formal board meeting at Underhill. His intial offer of £250,000 for the second division club was rejected last week.

Alan Dickens, 28, the former West Ham United and Chelsea midfield player, has joined Colchester United, the third division club.

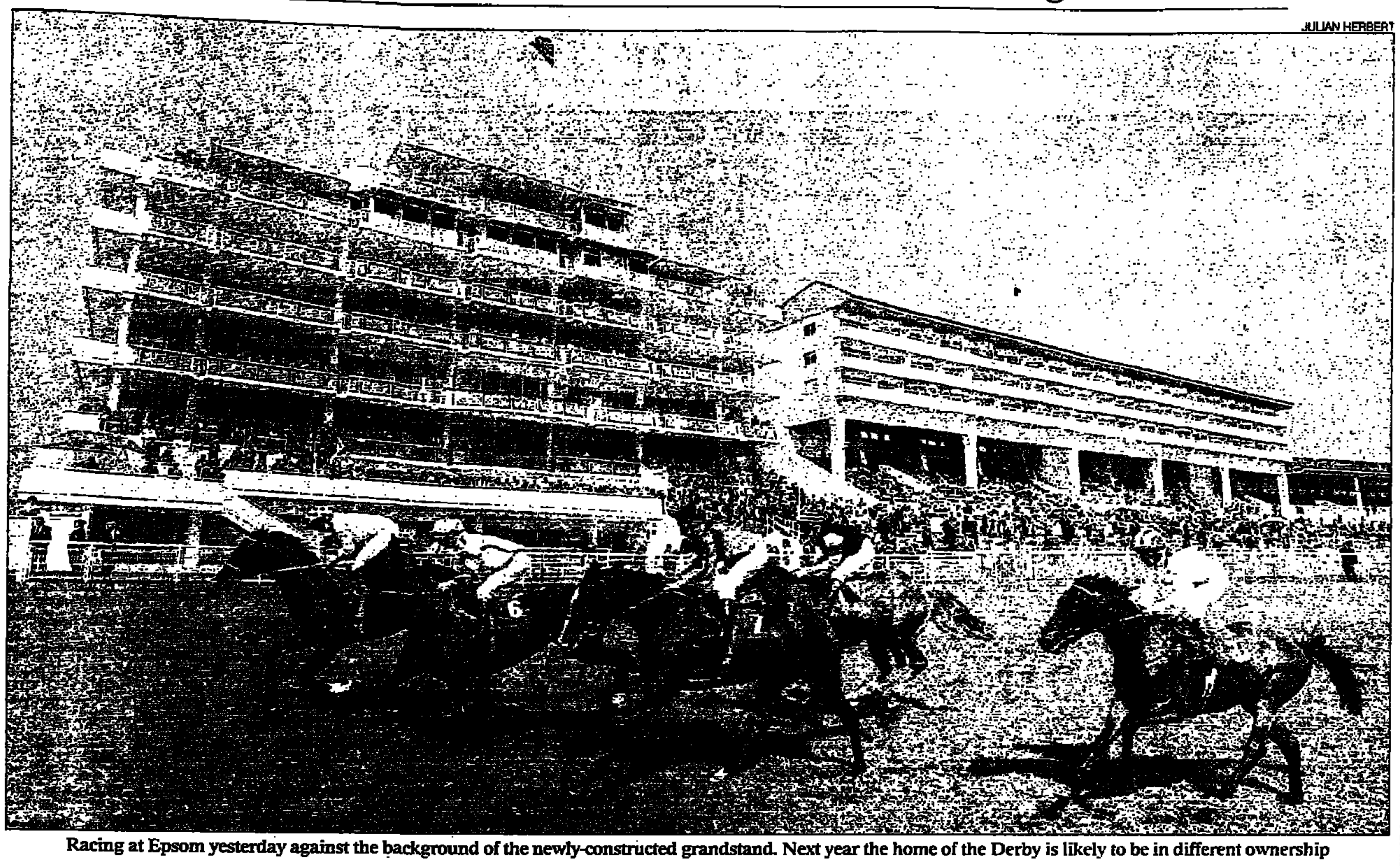
Liverpool have taken Agent Sawu, 22, the Zimbabwe international striker, on trial on the recommendation of their goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar. Also on the move is Graeme Sharp. Oldham have agreed to a transfer request from the 32-year-old former Scotland forward who cost £500,000 from Everton two years ago, but who has made only one appearance as substitute this season.

Chris Armstrong, the highly rated forward, is staying with Crystal Palace. Armstrong, 23, who scored 15 goals in 35 league games last season after his £1 million transfer from Millwall and got a hat-trick in the 5-1 victory over Portsmouth on Saturday, has agreed to a new four-year contract offered by Alan Smith, the Palace manager.

Kenny Sansom, a veteran of nearly 600 League games who appeared 86 times for England at left back, is to play with another former international, Gary Stevens, in the Petersfield Town side in the Jewson Wessex League. Stevens manages the Hampshire club, which Sansom, 34, is joining on a non-contract basis. He was released by Brentford, his sixth league club, at the end of last season.

Levy Board considers proposals to sell three leading racecourses

JULIAN HERBERT



Racing at Epsom yesterday against the background of the newly-constructed grandstand. Next year the home of the Derby is likely to be in different ownership

Epsom offered in estimated £15m package

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

EPSOM racecourse, the home of the Derby, is likely to be offered for sale by the end of the year, along with Sandown and Kempton Park. The Horserace Betting Levy Board, which has owned the three prime courses for almost a quarter of a century, will discuss a merchant bankers' report on their proposed disposal at a board meeting on September 21.

With the recent upturn in the stock market indicating an end to the recession, Sir John Sparrow, the chairman of the Levy Board, and his colleagues are thought likely to agree to the sale, which will raise millions of pounds for racing.

The successful purchaser will be required to give a guarantee that racing will continue at the three tracks, a condition which could make Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), owned by the Jockey Club, the favourite to acquire the courses: RHT already owns nine courses, including Aintree, Cheltenham, Newmarket and Haydock.

The Levy Board bought the two Surrey courses, Epsom and Sandown, for £1.5 million in 1969 and paid £800,000 for Kempton, in Middlesex, a year later to protect them from possible development following the closure of Hurst Park.

Sir John told a Commons select committee in 1991 that the board wanted to sell the courses when the economy picked up, subject to guarantees which would ensure the continuation of top-quality racing. The depth of the recession has prevented the planned sale being considered until now.

The prospect of almost 1,000 acres of prime green belt land inside the M25 coming onto the market has prompted some estimates of up to £50 million as the likely asking price. However, given the restrictions likely to be imposed on a purchaser and the recent commercial performance of United Racecourses (UR), which runs the tracks on behalf of the Levy Board, that is a fanciful figure.

The most recent accounts disclosed a loss, after interest payments, of £1.7 million while the net value of assets was put at £9.5 million. A more realistic sale price, judged on United Racecourses' cash flow, would be around £15 million.

The non-racing activities staged at the three racecourses, ranging from a golf course at Sandown to conferences, wedding receptions and exhibitions, contributes significantly to annual turnover. A number of parties, including some from abroad, have expressed interest in buying three of Britain's best-known courses.

David Hillyard, the managing director of RHT, said yesterday: "We have said from the outset that we would be interested in acquiring Epsom, Sandown and Kempton, and that remains the case. We have a number of ideas on what we would do with them. I hope we would be regarded as a safe pair of hands."

UR, chaired by Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, may attempt a management buy-out, depending on the asking price. Tim Neligan, managing director of UR, said yesterday: "We have several figures who would like to back us. We think we can do it as well as anybody else because at least we know the hidden snags."

The Levy Board faces a difficult task in setting a sale price. As a public body it has a duty to obtain the best possible sum, yet it knows that too high a figure could lead to the successful bidder ultimately trimming prize-money, which would prompt a decline in the quality of racing.

One of the toughest tasks facing any new owner is to revive the racing and commercial fortunes of Epsom. Apart from the four-day Derby meeting in June, which itself has lost some of its prestige in recent years, the racing staged at the unique track tends to be moderate. In addition, debt repayments of around £10 million to the Levy Board are outstanding for the lavish Queen's Stand, which was completed in 1992.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HASTEN TO ADD
(3.00 York)
Next best: Jade Vale
(2.00 York)

Shaikh Mohammed gives Roberts vote of confidence

By Julian Muscat

SHAIKH Mohammed's racing manager, Anthony Stroud, dismissed speculation that relations with Michael Roberts, retained to ride for the Dubai patron, had stretched to breaking point.

Rumours of a rift were fuelled when Pat Eddery was summoned to ride the Shaikh's Barathea in the Dubai-sponsored Prix du Moulin at Longchamp on Sunday. Roberts, who has ridden Barathea in all his five races this season, has been diverted to Germany.

Stroud stressed there were no plans to replace Roberts at the end of the season. "We are very, very happy with him. He is doing an excellent job," he said yesterday. "We've backed him 100 per cent and will continue to support him until the end of the season."

Stroud was unwilling to speculate beyond the season's end, when Roberts's contract is up for review. "Michael did only sign a one-year contract, but who knows what might happen after that?" he said.

Roberts, who knew about his replacement on Barathea three weeks ago, said at Epsom yesterday: "I'm not that disappointed, really. I've had my chances, although I think the horse will be running over his best trip this time. Maybe they felt he doesn't settle for me." Roberts is not retained by Shaikh Mohammed to ride his French runners.

Roberts, who has won five group one races for Shaikh Mohammed this season, has suffered at the hands of racecourse stewards this season.

The champion jockey has already picked up five bans, totalling 28 days, for riding offences. Asked whether he had discussed an extension to his contract, Roberts said: "We have not talked about next year."

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Epsom
Going: good to firm

2.15 (1m 114yd) 1, PAMPERED GUEST (M Hills, 9-2); 2, West Buoyant (T Quinn, 5-1); 3, Dynamic Deluxe (R Cochrane, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Lear Dancer (5th), 9-2 Sunday News'n'echo, 14 Art Tatum (6th), Plunder Bay, 20 Fatalist, 25 Wicklow Boy (4th), Petitjean, 33 Slompin, Rich Miss. 12 ran. Sh hd, 5l, sh hd, 2½l, 3l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £5.90; £1.80, £2.30, £2.10. DF: £33.00. CSF: £26.52.

2.45 (7f) 1, MIGHTY FORUM (J Williams, 14-1); 2, Jarzeef's Way (Pat Eddery, 5-4 fav); 3, Robsera (B Raymond, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dontforget Insight (4th), 8 Secundus (5th), 10 Lets Go Bo, 12 Captain Starlight (6th), 20 Nordance Prince, 33 Little Gant, 50 Aralaraz. 10 ran. NR: David's Dream. 3l, 1½l, 1½l, 4l, 3½l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £26.70; £4.10, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £29.60. Trio: £76.20. CSF: £34.39. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.20 (1m 4f 10yd) 1, LOBILIO (B Doyle, 9-2); 2, Fools Errand (D O'Neill, 8-2); 3, Mr Copyforce (A Martinez, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Modi (6th), 9 Song of Sixpence (4th), 10 Incola (5th), Impeccable Taste, 50 Northern Village, Clifton Chase. 9 ran. 3l, 1½l, hd, 1¾l, 2l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £4.60; £2.00, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £9.20. CSF: £21.99.

3.50 (6f) 1, AGWA (F Norton, 9-2 fav); 2, Lorins Gold (S Dawson, 20-1); 3, Bayeham (S Whitworth, 12-1); 4, Confronter (D Harrison, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Go Flightline, Walnut Burl, 10 Courting Newmarket, Precentor, Stormy Heights, 12 Love Legend, 14 Belle Soiree, 16 Farmer Jock (5th), 20 Gaynor Goodman, 25 Gallant Hope (6th), 33 Sterling Princess, 50 Gerry's Choice. 18 ran. NR: Double Bounce, Purbeck Centenary. 2l, 2l, ¾l, 2½l, hd. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £4.40; £1.40, £4.00, £3.50, £4.80. DF: £155.80. Trio: £681.70. CSF: £79.26. Tricast: £922.38.

4.20 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, LA SPEZIA (M Roberts, Evens fav); 2, Lambast (Pat Eddery, 5-2); 3, Diplomatist (J Reid, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 20 La Posada (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, 1l, 10l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.61.

4.50 (5f) 1, NEVER IN THE RED (L Piggott, 10-11 fav; Thunderer's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Sigama (R Lappin, 5-1); 3, Treasure Time (C Avery, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Martine, 20 Kildee Lad (4th), Maid Welcome (6th), 33 Perfect Passion (5th). 7 ran. NR: Five Islands. ¾l, 3½l, 4l, 2½l, 1l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.80; £1.80, £2.20. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.42.

5.20 (1m 2f 18yd) 1, KELIMUTU (G Bardwell, 6-1); 2, Knowth (T Quinn, 9-2); 3, Green Kilt (W R Swinburn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Knock Knock (4th), 8 Cast The Line (6th), Without A Flag, 12 Lord Oberon, 16 Vanborough Lad (5th), 20 Ericolin, Denny Boy, Albert, Delditah, 33 Baydon Belle. 13 ran. Sh hd, 3l, hd, 2½l, ¾l. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £8.10; £2.30, £2.00, £2.50. DF: £11.90. Trio: £52.20. CSF: £31.87. Tricast: £203.16.

Jackpot: £8,341.90 (0.2 winning tickets; £9,398.38 carried forward to York today).
Placepot: £28.60.

Ripon
Going: good to firm

2.30 (5f) 1, Good Fetch (W Carson, 4-1); 2, Mr Bergerac (7-1); 3, Antananarivo (5-4 fav). 8 ran. 1½l, nk. P Cole. Tote: £3.30; £1.30, £1.80, £1.20. DF: £11.20. CSF: £27.61.

3.00 (1m) 1, Causley (W Carson, 100-30); 2, Affordable (14-1); 3, Lombard Ships (13-2). Battle Colours 11-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Colfist. ½l, ¾l. B McMahon. Tote: £4.60; £1.60, £3.50, £2.40. Trio: £43.40. DF: £36.90. CSF: £48.76.

3.30 (6f) 1, Delta One (Stephen Davies, 4-9 fav); 2, Killy's Raynja (20-1); 3, Edwina (5-1). 8 ran. NR: Tailcoat. 1½l, sh hd. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.40; £1.30, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £12.10. CSF: £11.21.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, Dashing Fellow (J Quinn, 7-1); 2, Tapatch (15-2); 3, Jubran (7-2 jt-fav). Avishayes 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Royal Citizen. Nk, 1l. Mrs L Piggott. Tote: £5.10; £1.90, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £53.70. Trio: £36.00. CSF: £51.86. Tricast: £193.35.

4.30 (5f) 1, Grey Toppa (C Teague, 12-1); 2, Nordico Princess (16-1); 3, Floating Trial (2-1 fav). 11 ran. 1½l, sh hd. Denys Smith. Tote: £18.60; £3.20, £7.20, £1.30. DF: £164.50. CSF: £167.60. Tricast: £497.96.

5.00 (2m) 1, Saimain (N Carlisle, 10-1); 2, Jawani (9-1); 3, Chantry Bertie (14-1); 4, Bilberry (12-1). Mr Woodcock 11-2 fav. 17 ran. 1l, sh hd. J Glover. Tote: £12.50; £2.40, £2.10, £2.80, £2.50. DF: £88.80. Trio: £443.60. CSF: £91.28. Tricast: £1,160.32.

Placepot: £19.00.

□ John Dunlop's Visto Si Stampi and the Ian Balding-trained Pay Homage finished second and third respectively behind French challenger Zabar in the group three Oettingen-Rennen over a mile at Baden-Baden yesterday. Karinga Bay was seventh, having lost his footing on the home turn.

□ The David Elsworth-trained Rustic Craft and Richard Hannon's Surprise Offer challenges for today's group two Jacobs Goldene Peitsche at Baden-Baden.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER
2.20 Patong Beach. 2.50 Singing Detective. 3.20 Billy Lomond. 3.50 St Athans Lad. 4.20 Quiet Riot. 4.50 Ruling Dynasty.

GOING: FIRM — SIS

2.20 FISHBOURNE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,675: 2m 2f) (7 runners)

1 PATONG BEACH 16F J White 10-12 — A Maguire
2 0 BAYFAN 2 J Moore 10-9 — A Charlton
3 JAFETICA 23F D Lang 10-8 — G McCourt
4 3 SIAN WYN 23 K Burke 10-8 — R Supple
5 0 GROGFRYN 7 C Popham 10-6 — N Downs (7)
6 00 LADY GAIL 14 J Spearing 10-2 — A Webb
7 5 SWIFT REVENGE 19F T Casey 10-2 — J McCarthy (5)

5-4 Patong Beach, 3-1 Sian Wyn, 9-2 Jafetica, 10-1 Swift Revenge, 12-1 others.

2.50 BOW HILL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,601: 2m 6f) (5)

1 5-11 SINGING DETECTIVE 2 (V,C,F) P McEntee 6-11-12 — G Crone (7)
2 3-12 PURITAN 18 (BF,F) N Tinkler 4-11-3 — G McCourt
3 06-4 FRANK'S THE NAME 21 M Madgwick 4-10-11 — T Grantham
4 0/ POLLY MINOR 597 G Enright 6-10-9 — A Maguire
5 0F6- UP ALL NIGHT 19F R Curtis 4-10-6 — D Morris

4-5 Puritan, 5-4 Singing Detective, 16-1 Polly Minor, 25-1 others

3.20 FONS SELLING HURDLE (Div I: £1,572: 2m 2f) (5)

1 45-1 BILLY LOMOND 21 (CD,F) K Burke 5-12-0 — W Marston (3)
2 35-3 HELLO SAM 18 (F) J Bennett 10-11-9 — C Llewellyn
3 440- BETALONGABILL 328 M Madgwick 4-11-7 — A Maguire
4 F ALL'A BLAZE 4 R Simpson 4-11-2 — D Gallagher
5 F0 ROSEMARY'S MEMORY 7 J Moore 3-10-0 — W McFarland

4-6 Billy Lomond, 4-1 Hello Sam, 11-2 All'A Blaze, 8-1 Betalongabill, 20-1 Rosemary's Memory.

3.50 SLINDON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,247: 2m 2f) (4)

1 11-1 ST ATHANS LAD 21 (B,CD,F,G) R Curtis 8-12-0 — D Morris
2 1121 PEARLS BEAU 2 (CD,BF,F) J Jenkins 6-10-6 (6ex) — S Smith Eccles
3 -3P3 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 6 (CD,F,G) T Casey 6-10-0 — A Maguire
4 PP-03 DREAMCOAT 14 (F,S) R Lee 12-10-0 — Leanne Eldredge (7)

4-5 St Athans Lad, 11-8 Pearls Beau, 6-1 They All Forgot Me, 20-1 Dreamcoat.

4.20 FONS SELLING HURDLE (Div II: £1,572: 2m 2f) (4)

1 -2U1 QUIET RIOT 21 (C,F) J White 11-12-0 — A Maguire
2 0-4 WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 11F (B) R Rowe 5-11-9 — C Burnett-Wells (5)
3 55U- MAMALAMA 113 J Bridger 5-11-4 — D O'Sullivan (3)
4 EMERALD EARS 7F P McEntee 4-11-2 — G Crone (7)

1-4 Quiet Riot, 5-1 Wednesdays Auction, 12-1 Emerald Ears, 14-1 Mamalama.

4.50 CHICHESTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,715: 2m 2f) (4)

1 112- ABSENT RELATIVE 11F (CD,F,G) Miss B Sanders 5-12-0 — A Maguire
2 254/1 RULING DYNASTY 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Usher 9-11-7 — H Davies
3 10/FP- LUSTY LAD 272F (CD,F,G) M Haynes 8-11-5 — G McCourt
4 045- NEWTON POINT 119 (G) T George 4-10-10 — Peter Hobbs

11-10 Absent Relative, 5-4 Ruling Dynasty, 8-1 Newton Point, 10-1 Lusty Lad.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Usher, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; J Moore, 5 from 18, 27.8%; R Curtis, 15 from 60, 25.0%; Miss B Sanders, 8 from 32, 25.0%; J White, 11 from 45, 24.4%; T Casey, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: A Charlton, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; S Smith Eccles, 11 from 33, 33.3%; D Morris, 18 from 68, 26.5%; G McCourt, 6 from 23, 26.1%; W McFarland, 6 from 26, 23.1%; Peter Hobbs, 14 from 66, 21.2%.

□ Darryll Holland was referred to the Jockey Club for the third time in four racing days for misuse of the whip at Ripon yesterday. Holland, reported to Portman Square twice in two days at Goodwood last week, came under scrutiny for his performance on Mr Bergerac in the Claro Maiden Auction Stakes.

□ Kevin McAuliffe is to begin training in Lambourn. McAuliffe, 34, is launching his own operation with 25 horses at Delamere Cottage Stables after learning the trade with Paul Cole.

NEWTON ABBOT

THUNDERER
2.10 Jack The Hiker. 2.40 Father Dowling. 3.10 Distant Memory. 3.40 Va Utu. 4.10 Old Brig. 4.40 Calgary Redeye.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.10 FORCHES CROSS CLAIMING CHASE (£2,336: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 4-23 TINAS LAD 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Edwards 10-11-8 — N Williamson
2 P-13 JACK THE HIKER 20 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Retter 10-10-10 — M Richards
3 P-UU DARING CLASS 7 (F) P Rodford 7-10-9 — I Shoemark
4 P0-5 MY CUP OF TEA 28 (CD,F,G) M Pipe 10-10-8 — R Dunwoody
5 P44- SWINGTIME BELLE 282 (F) Miss A Whitfield 6-10-3 — S McNeill

5-6 Tinas Lad, 3-1 Jack The Hiker, 5-1 My Cup Of Tea, 6-1 Swingtime Belle, 12-1 Daring Class

2.40 COOPER CALLAS BATHROOM DISTRIBUTORS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,684: 3m 2f 110yd) (7)

1 224- FATHER DOWLING 139 (D,G) G Balding 6-12-0 — R Davis (5)
2 4/P44 SAMSUN 7 (B,F,G) C Popham 11-11-9 — S McNeill
3 05-5 HEIGHT OF FUN 21 (B,F,S) C Popham 9-11-6 — M A Fitzgerald
4 4-35 SHALCHLO BOY 7 (F,G) W G M Turner 9-11-1 — R Dunwoody
5 P-56 SIRISAT 7 (F) J Upson 9-10-13 — Mr T Byrne (7)
6 P-F4 VALASSY 14 (G,S) J White 10-10-13 — P McLoughlin (7)
7 60-6 BARRACILLA 27 (G) Dermot Day (Ire) 8-10-12 — S Hodgson

4-6 Father Dowling, 5-1 Shalchlo Boy, 6-1 Height Of Fun, 10-1 Valassy, 16-1 Samsun, Sirisat, 20-1 Barracilla.

3.10 COOPER CALLAS BATHROOM DISTRIBUTORS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,768: 2m 1f) (6)

1 2-25 CELCIUS 20 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 9-12-0 — T Dascombe (5)
2 4B-5 PLAY THE BLUES 32 (F) R Frost 6-11-2 — R Darke (3)
3 3-33 STAR MOVER 28 W G M Turner 4-10-6 — D Leahy
4 0-23 DISTANT MEMORY 25 (BF) P Hobbs 4-10-0 — N Parker (7)
5 0/040 MY HARRY BOY 7 W G M Turner 6-10-0 — T Murphy (7)
6 /0/P-0 SWIFT ASCENT 14 (F,S) A Barrow 11-10-0 — T Thompson (3)

15-8 Star Mover, 11-4 Distant Memory, 3-1 Celcius, 5-1 Play The Blues, 12-1 My Harry Boy, 16-1 Swift Ascent

3.40 ARMITAGE SHANKS BATHROOMS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,179: 2m 1f) (6)

1 2U0- ABU MUSLAB 121 (D,F,G) G Edwards 9-12-0 — R Dunwoody
2 11F- JUST ROSIE 93 (D,F) A Turnell 4-11-9 — S McNeill
3 200- VA UTU 7F (C,F,G) M Channon 5-10-12 — Lorna Vincent
4 0-41 COLWAY PRINCE 6 (F,G,S) A Jones 5-10-9 (6ex) — G Upton
5 30B/4 FINAL SOUND 4 (B,F) R Baker 8-10-2 — L Harvey
6 000- RED SOMBRERO 9F R Brotherton 4-10-0 — D Bridgwater

6-4 Just Rosie, 3-1 Va Utu, 7-2 Colway Prince, 4-1 Final Sound, 10-1 Abu Muslab, 16-1 Red Sombrero.

4.10 HEAT NOVICES CHASE (£2,346: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 1-1U STRONG MEDICINE 6 (BF,F) K Bailey 6-11-7 — N Williamson
2 2/FP2- OCEAN LINK 121 R Alner 9-11-2 — S Earle
3 02-2 OLD BRIG 20 (B,BF,G) M Pipe 7-11-2 — R Dunwoody
4 -633 KASHAN 14 (G) J Bradley 5-10-12 — R Farrant (5)
5 43-U3 WEST LODGE LADY 14 N Thomson 8-10-11 — J Neaves (7)

5-4 Strong Medicine, 11-4 Old Brig, 3-1 Ocean Link, 6-1 West Lodge Lady, 8-1 Kashan.

4.40 EXE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,768: 2m 6f) (7)

1 CALGARY REDEYE 22F Mrs J Retter 6-11-0 — J Kavanagh
2 U0-P JET 7 (B) C Popham 7-11-0 — S McNeill
3 55-2 KNIGHTLY ARGUS 14 (BF) S Sherwood 6-11-0 — J Osborne
4 0- AN BUCHAILL LIATH 172 A Forte 4-10-12 — R Greene (3)
5 35 CLASSICAL STAR 20 (BF) K Bailey 4-10-12 — N Williamson
6 SOLAR MELODY M Pipe 5-10-9 — R Dunwoody
7 4 SOUL TRADER 7 Mrs A Knight 4-10-7 — S Burrough

7-4 Solar Melody, 7-2 Knightly Argus, 4-1 Calgary Redeye, 6-1 Soul Trader, 7-1 Classical Star, 14-1 An Buchaill Liath, 16-1 Jet.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; M Pipe, 98 from 316, 31.0%; K Bailey, 9 from 29, 31.0%; J Edwards, 8 from 33, 24.2%; J White, 10 from 42, 23.8%; P Hobbs, 23 from 97, 23.7%; M Channon, 4 from 17, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: S Hodgson, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; N Williamson, 9 from 36, 25.0%; R Dunwoody, 18 from 79, 22.8%; J Kavanagh, 5 from 22, 22.7%; Lorna Vincent, 6 from 31, 19.4%; R Farrant, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

Blinkered first time

YORK: 2.00 Bold Pursuit, Infantry Glen.

YORK

THUNDERER
2.00 Jade Vale
2.30 One On One
3.00 Flight Lieutenant
3.30 Master Planner
4.00 **MUSTAKIM** (nap)
4.30 Perfect Vintage
5.00 Smart Family

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 One On One. 4.00 Kingchip Boy. 4.30 **PERFECT VINTAGE** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 **ONE ON ONE.**

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 LEVY BOARD McIVOR SCOTCH WHISKY CLAIMING STAKES (£5,526: 1m 205yd) (9 runners)

101 (9) 600513 GRAND VITESSE 13 (F,S) (P Whitworth) R Hannon 4-9-5 — D Gibbs (7) 88
102 (8) 10560F LEIF THE LUCKY 39 (D,G,S) (Miss B Duxbury) Miss S Hall 4-9-6 — J Connorton 89
103 (3) 535-240 BOLD PURSUIT 14 (B,F) (J FitzGerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-7 — W R Swinburn 99
104 (1) 644012 SURREY DANCER 18 (D,F,G,S) (Crook Racing Ltd) B Hanbury 5-9-5 — W Ryan 91
105 (2) 110502 JADE VALE 22 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Bocher) J Hills 4-9-0 — D Harrison (3) 98
106 (4) 513230 DEE RAFT 12 (BF,G) (D Pickering) B Hills 3-8-13 — D Holland 97
107 (7) 0-433 GREENBANK 72 (BF) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-13 — L Dettori 95
108 (5) 00-0051 INFANTRY GLEN 18 (V,G) (G Platt) G Oldroyd 3-8-10 — M Birch 71
109 (6) 113000 STOPROVERITATE 12 (G,S) (J Clark) S Norton 4-9-9 — A Munro 85

BETTING: 3-1 Jade Vale, 4-1 Grand Vitesse, 5-1 Bold Pursuit, Surrey Dancer, 6-1 Dee Raft, 7-1 Greenbank, 10-1 Leif The Lucky, 20-1 Infantry Glen, Stoproveritate.

1992: GANT BLEU 5-8-7 A Culhane (8-1) R Whitaker 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRAND VITESSE about 2l 3rd of 17 to Lord Alfie in handicap at Salisbury (7f, good). LEIF THE LUCKY best recent effort when 5¾l 6th of 14 to River North in handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good). BOLD PURSUIT 6¾l 4th of 5 to Tapis Rouge in conditions race at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good) on penultimate start. SURREY DANCER 5¾l 3rd of 8 to Rapporteur in handicap at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good). JADE VALE 2l 2nd of 4 to Set The Fashion in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Bath (1m, good to firm). DEE RAFT two short-heads 3rd of 6 to Seama in claimer at Kempton (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. GREENBANK 6¼l 3rd of 9 to Fabulous Mtoto in maiden at Epsom (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. INFANTRY GLEN beat Ms Abbot 1½l in 13-runner selling handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good).
Selection: JADE VALE

2.30 BEST BUY PRODUCTS CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,639: 5f) (6 runners)

201 (4) 113504 HIGH DOMAIN 13 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Stavold) M McCormack 9-2 — W Carson 91
202 (6) 101143 MOSCOW ROAD 14 (D,S) (G Sampson) R Hannon 9-0 — W R Swinburn 92
203 (2) 1 CAPE MERINO 158 (D,F) (H Ellis) A Smith 8-7 — S Webster 66
204 (5) 211 ONE ON ONE 14 (F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-7 — M Hills 99
205 (1) 1 POST MISTRESS 8 (D,F) (W Stuart) M Prescott 8-5 — G Duffield 92
206 (3) 5144 WELSH MIST 12 (D,F) (P Asquith) R Boss 8-5 — M Roberts 90

BETTING: 5-4 One On One, 11-4 Moscow Road, 6-1 High Domain, Welsh Mist, 10-1 Post Mistress, 14-1 Cape Merino.

1992: PALACEGATE EPISODE 8-12 J Carroll (2-5 fav) J Berry 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGH DOMAIN 3¼l 4th of 6 to Blue Siren in conditions race at Salisbury (5f, good). MOSCOW ROAD 4l 3rd of 6 to Eid For Blue in listed race over course and distance (good).
CAPE MERINO beat Bold Aristocrat 4l in 8-runner maiden at Doncaster (5f, good to firm). ONE ON ONE beat Nakoa 6l in 8-runner handicap at Yarmouth (6f, good). POST MISTRESS beat Lovescape ½l in 6-runner maiden auction at Brighton (5f 59yd, good to firm). WELSH MIST 3l 4th of 16 to Risky in auction race at Newbury (5f, good) on penultimate start with HIGH DOMAIN (4lb worse off) 9l 14th.
Selection: MOSCOW ROAD

3.00 BATLEYS CASH & CARRY HANDICAP (£6,056: 1m 5f 194yd) (10 runners)

301 (8) 10-0302- SUBSONIC 362 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Heinz) J Dunlop 5-9-10 — W Ryan 65
302 (6) 05-0265 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 18 (BF,G) (P & S Lever Partners) R Hannon 4-9-9 — J Reid 97
303 (5) 602261 YILDIZ 13 (C,F,G) (S Mino) B Hills 4-9-8 — W Carson 99
304 (7) 116100 DUSTY POINT 15 (D,F,G,S) (A Ali) B Hanbury 3-9-4 — W R Swinburn 96
305 (10) 001112 BOLD RESOLUTION 5 (D,F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-9-3 — M Roberts 96
306 (1) 413246 WHITE WILLOW 13 (D,G,S) (Mrs H North) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-2 — K Darley 98
307 (4) 312 HASTEN TO ADD 81 (G) (Pin Oak Stable) M Prescott 3-9-0 — G Duffield 97
308 (3) 203421 FIRST BID 11 (F,S) (Thomlinson s) R Whitaker 6-8-11 — A Culhane 92
309 (2) 022051 KADASTROF 9 (D,G,S) (A Paton) R Dickin 3-8-9 (5ex) — T Quinn 95
310 (9) 400-446 BOLD ELECT 36 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Wigham) P Wigham 5-7-11 — L Charnock 98

BETTING: 4-1 Yildiz, 5-1 Hasten To Add, 6-1 First Bid, Flight Lieutenant, 8-1 Bold Resolution, Kadastrof, White Willow, 10-1 Bold Elect, 12-1 Subsonic, 14-1 Dusty Point.

1992: DARU 3-8-9 S Cauthen (7-4 fav) J Gosden 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 6¾l 5th of 10 to General Mouktar in handicap at Newbury (1m 4f, good to firm). YILDIZ beat Roberty Lea 2l in 22-runner handicap here (1m 4f, good) with WHITE WILLOW (9lb better off) 44l 22nd.
DUSTY POINT best recent effort when beating Mujawab 4l in 6-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, soft). BOLD RESOLUTION 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Mr Poppertch in handicap at Newmarket (1m 7f, good). HASTEN TO ADD 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Azhar in ladies' race here (1m 4f, good to soft). FIRST BID beat Nawahil head in 12-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to firm). KADASTROF beat High Summer 3½l in 17-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m 6f, good).
Selection: DUSTY POINT

3.30 LAWRENCE BATLEY RATED HANDICAP (£13,627: 6f) (15 runners)

401 (6) 300461 REGAL CHIMES 40 (D,F,G) (M Sturgess) B McMahon 4-9-7 — T Quinn 93
402 (5) 406021 HARD TO FIGURE 11 (D,F,G,S) (J Murseth) R Hodges 7-9-5 — S Drowne (7) 99
403 (4) 120610 BRANSTON ABBY 13 (CD,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 4-9-2 — M Roberts 96
404 (3) 666564 MEDAILLE D'OR 60 (V,D,F,G,S) (J Benett) J Payne 5-9-2 — A Munro 87
405 (2) 462055 DUPLICITY 15 (D,F,S) (B Keay) L Holt 5-8-12 — J Reid 94
406 (1) 050044 BRIGG FAIR 42 (D,F,G) (J Norman) R Hannon 3-8-11 — K Darley 94
407 (12) 102254 SIR HARRY HARDMAN 25 (D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 5-8-10 — S Perks 92
408 (11) 032160 DOMINUET 15 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B Heathcote) J Spearing 8-8-10 — G Hind 92
409 (15) 013-000 POKER CHIP 11 (F,G) (J Sharp) I Balding 3-8-7 — L Dettori 94
410 (8) 456024- ISAIAH 280 (CD,F,S) (Mrs C Spurrier) Mrs J Cecil 4-8-7 — Paul Eddery 92
411 (7) 313032 MASTER PLANNER 4 (CD,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-7 — J D Smith (7) 96
412 (10) 21-2004 ROCK SYMPHONY 14 (G) (A Page-Wood) A Scott 3-8-6 — J Tate (5) 96
413 (13) 0-11003 GARNOCK VALLEY 14 (D,F,S) (R Aird) J Berry 3-8-4 — J Carroll 95
414 (9) 424000 TROON 4 (F) (T Hirschfeld) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-4 — G Milligan (7) 93
415 (14) 100302 TRUE PRECISION 12 (D,G,S) (T Lock) J Bethell 3-8-4 — D Harrison (3) 90

Long handicap: Isaiah 8-6, Master Planner 8-6, Troon 6-0, True Precision 7-13

BETTING: 13-2 Master Planner, 7-1 Garnock Valley, 8-1 Dominuet, Hard To Figure, 10-1 Duplicity, Sir Harry Hardman, 12-1 Brigg Fair, Poker Chip, 14-1 Branston Abby, Regal Chimes, Rock Symphony, 16-1 others.

1992: NEVER SO SURE 4-8-8 L Piggott (6-1 fav) A Bailey 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

REGAL CHIMES beat Ashtina ½l in 11-runner handicap at Ascot (5f, good). HARD TO FIGURE beat Samsolom 1l in 23-runner handicap at Ripon (6f, good to firm) with MASTER PLANNER (5lb better off) ½l 3rd and POKER CHIP (8lb better off) 5¼l 11th. BRANSTON ABBEY beat Fantomas 1½l in 7-runner listed race at Munich (6f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. DUPLICITY about 2¼l 5th of 23 to How's Yer Father over course and distance (good to soft) with DOMINUET (1lb better off) ¾l 7th and MASTER PLANNER 3¾l 10th. ROCK SYMPHONY about 2¼l 4th of 6 to Storm Canyon in conditions race at Yarmouth (6f, good). GARNOCK VALLEY two necks 3rd of 15 to In Case in handicap here (5f, good).
Selection: HARD TO FIGURE

4.00 FLINTLOCK CIDER HANDICAP (£5,253: 7f 202yd) (12 runners)

501 (8) 000305 EURO FESTIVAL 7 (F,G) (C Price) Miss L Siddall 4-9-13 — W R Swinburn 93
502 (6) 041040 WAINWRIGHT 39 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-11 — M Roberts 90
503 (2) 511115 SWEET MIGNONETTE 61 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-8 — Darren Moffatt (5) 90
504 (1) 000205 ERTLON 4 (C Brittain) C Brittain 3-9-6 — L Dettori 90
505 (3) 133/05- SEAGULL HOLLOW 137J (F) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 4-9-5 — M Birch —
506 (4) 315650 FEATHER FACE 13 (G) (J Mountain) C James 3-9-5 — J Reid 92
507 (7) 30-1000 DOUBLE ECHO 36 (C,G,S) (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 5-9-5 — A Munro 98
508 (12) 12-0400 TAAHHUB 49 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 3-9-2 — R Hills 99
509 (11) 131121 DANCING DOMINO 7 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) M H Easterby 3-9-1 — P Darley 93
510 (5) 106410 SELF EXPRESSION 18 (D,F,G) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-10 — D Thomas (7) 91
511 (10) 000223 KINGCHIP BOY 21 (V,D,F,G) (Four Jays Racing Partnership) M Ryan 4-8-5 — D Biggs 91
512 (9) 3-500 MUSTAKIM 13 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-5-3 — W Carson 94

BETTING: 7-2 Dancing Domino, 7-1 Kingchip Boy, Sweet Mignonette, Wainwright, 8-1 Euro Festival, Self Expression, 10-1 Double Echo, 12-1 Taahhub, 14-1 Ertlon, 16-1 Mustakim, 20-1 others.

1992: FOREVER DIAMONDS 5-7-7 J Quinn (8-1) M H Easterby 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

EURO FESTIVAL 5l 5th of 13 to Amazing Feat in handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm). WAINWRIGHT 8¾l 4th of 11 to Usaidit in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SWEET MIGNONETTE beat Jahanpir 1l in 6-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good) on penultimate start. ERTLON 5l 5th of 13 to Campana in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). FEATHER FACE 3l 5th of 10 to Play Hever Golf in handicap at Kempton (7f, good) on penultimate start. DANCING DOMINO beat Hershebar 3l in apprentice jockeys' conditions race at Redcar (1m, good to firm). SELF EXPRESSION beat Spanish Verdict neck in 9-runner handicap at Redcar (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. KINGCHIP BOY 3¼l 3rd of 15 to Saafend in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm).
Selection: DANCING DOMINO

4.30 MAYFIELD BITTER & LAGER MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,503: 1m 2f 85yd) (10 runners)

601 (10) 0-4 BOLD STAR 11 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 9-0 — S Perks 85
602 (9) 3-46 CHUMMY'S PAL 34 (B Hills) B Hills 9-0 — J Reid 87
603 (2) 60 GENTLEMAN SID 19 (Miss J Collison) R Dickin 9-0 — J Lowe —
604 (1) 0 MAJBOOR YAFOOZ 21 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 — G Hind —
605 (7) 232 MAKIN 11 (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0 — W Carson 92
606 (3) 252 MT TEMPLEMAN 104 (BF) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 — L Dettori 99
607 (5) 2 PERFECT VINTAGE 13 (BF) (Hanson Leigh Racing) M Stoute 9-0 — W R Swinburn 95
608 (4) 0-0 RIBBOLD 141 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 — A Munro —
609 (6) 0- TROY BOY 345 (Lostford Manor Racing) S Norton 9-0 — K Darley —
610 (8) 2 ICE POOL 27 (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-9 — M Roberts 94

BETTING: 6-4 Perfect Vintage, 5-2 Ice Pool, 6-1 Mt Templeman, 8-1 Makin, 14-1 Bold Star, Chummy's Pal, 16-1 Majboor Yafooz, 20-1 Ribbold, 25-1 Troy Boy, 50-1 Gentleman Sid

1992: LARRIKIN 8-9 A Munro (3-2) Lord Huntingdon 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD STAR 5¼l 4th of 8 to Lacotte in maiden at Chester (7f, soft). CHUMMY'S PAL 16l 6th of 13 to Alkhalji in maiden at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). MAKIN 2nd of 12 to Cambara in maiden at Ripon (1m, good to firm). MT TEMPLEMAN 1l 2nd of 8 to Ajalan in maiden at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to firm). PERFECT VINTAGE 3l 2nd of 15 to Danish Fort in maiden at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). RIBBOLD 36l 10th of 13 to Commander in Chief in maiden at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). ICE POOL 1½l 2nd of 15 to Mujazatah in maiden at Pontefract (1m, soft) with Makin (same terms) 1¼l 3rd.
Selection: PERFECT VINTAGE

5.00 WACHENFELD GERMAN WINES MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,308: 7f 202yd) (5 runners)

1 (5) 0 CLUBS ARE TRUMPS 141 (P Holder) R Dickin 9-0 — J Lowe —
2 (2) 0 EL BAILADOR 32 (Mrs J Lee) J Bethell 9-0 — L Dettori —
3 (4) 5 MUWAFIK 40 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 — W Carson —
4 (1) 43 SMART FAMILY 14 (A Elliott) P Cole 9-0 — T Quinn 99
5 (3) PEARL KITE (S Manana) M Johnston 8-9 — M Roberts —

BETTING: 4-5 Smart Family, 2-1 Muwafik, 5-1 Pearl Kite, 12-1 El Bailador, 66-1 Clubs Are Trumps.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CLUBS ARE TRUMPS 9l 10th of 11 to Culsyth Flyer in maiden auction at Warwick (5f, soft). EL BAILADOR 16l 13th of 14 to Star Talent in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to soft). MUWAFIK 17½l last of 5 to Ionio in maiden at Ascot (7f, good). SMART FAMILY 6¾l 3rd of 15 to Nicolette in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm). PEARL KITE (foaled Apr 16) Second foal, by Silver Hawk; dam won 1m 1f grade III race.
Selection: SMART FAMILY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
P Cole	13	46	28.3	D Holland	11	61	18.0
H Cecil	28	107	26.2	L Dettori	23	141	16.3
J Gosden	25	96	26.0	W Carson	33	236	14.0
J Dunlop	14	65	21.5	M Roberts	32	232	13.8
M Stoute	26	137	19.0	W Ryan	8	64	12.5
W Hern	3	17	17.6	W R Swinburn	22	177	12.4

Lack of bowling strength sees decline of most successful county of its generation

Essex need new blood to restore pride

Alan Lee talks with Graham Gooch, the Essex captain, about his county's sudden fall from grace

It has long been a habit of Graham Gooch to call his players together on the field before a game. He did this with England and still does so with Essex. Yesterday at Hove, however, Gooch had a particularly sharp message to put across to a county team in rare distress.

"I told them I had got a real shock this morning," he said. "I looked at the championship table in the paper and saw there were only two clubs below us. I'm not used to that and I don't like it at all."

It is the most startling sight of this cricketing summer — Essex, the most successful county team of its generation, down among the dead men, the wooden spoon suddenly a plainer prospect than any new honours.

Nor is their decline confined to the championship. They lie twelfth in the Sunday league and lost in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Cup and the second round of the NatWest Trophy.

But it is the championship, the province in which they have consistently excelled, that concerns them most. Since 1982, they have finished in the top four every season bar one. The last time they ended up in the bottom three was 26 years ago, the summer when Trevor Bailey handed over the captaincy to Brian Taylor and when a young man called Keith Fletcher was first catching the attention of the England selectors.

Essex was a very different club in those days. They had no ground of their own and operated on a playing staff of 12 and the tightest budget in the land. Fletcher, now detached from the club for the first time, still chuckles over the memories. "I remember our secretary of the time, a retired major named Charles Brown, saying that every time he could save five shillings a night on our hotel bill he would do so."

They had fun, though. Fletcher recalls the night Taylor imposed a curfew and then prowled around the team's Bournemouth hotel to ensure it had been observed. He discovered Ray East climbing a drainpipe towards his second-floor room. Another night, during a three-day game at Dover, the entire team took the ferry to France and returned, none too steadily, at 4am.

A spirit was built in those shoestring years that has sustained Essex through good times as well as bad. Gooch believes it is surviving the present struggles, too, but is candid about the implications.

"We are not panicking but we are taking it very seriously," he said. "The truth is that the wheels have come off this season. We haven't played well enough. That's why we are in this position.

"I have to say it has surprised us. Halfway through the season, we still fancied we could get a couple of wins and start climbing the table. We've done it that way before. But as it has turned out, this has been one of the worst years in my time at Essex."

Gooch is in no doubt about the leading factors. "We had hoped that Neil Foster and Derek Pringle could get through another year, maybe two, as our main bowlers. In fact we relied on it.

"But Neil was told he could do himself serious damage if he went on playing and Derek has found it hard work opening the bowling at his age on the sort of pitches we have had."

Foster has retired and Pringle may easily follow him when this season ends. "It's a huge gap to fill," Gooch said. "They have taken plenty of wickets for us, year after year. We just haven't got ready-made replacements and, as Peter Such and Mark Ilott have spent a lot of the summer in the Test squad, our bowling has been very thin. We haven't got sides out quickly enough to win matches.

"We have plenty of good young batsmen and the time has come for them to start taking positions of responsibility. But like other counties, we badly need some new bowlers. The main question is where they will come from."

Salim Malik, who has conspicuously failed to reproduce his 1991 form during his second year as overseas player, will not be returning for a third. Essex would have liked Courtney Walsh, who now seems likely to stay with Gloucestershire, and an approach for an Australian now seems favourite. "We will go for a bowler," Gooch said. "We have to."

It would be folly to write off Essex as a power. They are a big club now, accustomed to success, and will come good again.

But for the first time in years, they must battle to restore, rather than retain, their standing. And it is going to need new blood to achieve it.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Men of Essex, right to left, Hussain, Stephenson, Gooch and Rollins, fielding against Sussex at Hove yesterday

Shearer hopes to step up for for Blackburn

BY KEITH PIKE

HAVING failed to convince either the manager of his club or his country of his full fitness, Alan Shearer will tonight try to convince both that, at the least, he is some way to regaining the form which made him one of England's outstanding strikers last season.

After three appearances as substitute, the last capped with the equalising goal against Newcastle United at St James' Park on Sunday, Shearer will hope Kenny Dalglish gives him the chance to lead the Blackburn Rovers attack against Arsenal in their FA Carling Premiership match at Ewood Park.

Shearer has not started a match since January 6, when his attempted comeback after suffering knee ligament damage proved premature, and on Monday was included only on the stand-by list for England's World Cup qualifying tie against Poland next Wednesday.

Shearer scored the only goal of the corresponding match last season, the third of 16 in the league before he was injured against Leeds United on Boxing day.

One player whose form and fitness are not in doubt — and whose place in the England side at Wembley seems assured — will be in the Arsenal side. Ian Wright's two goals against Everton on Saturday took his total for the season to five and to 61 in 85 matches in total for Arsenal. They are seeking their fifth successive win after losing at home to Coventry City on the opening day.

Micky Quinn scored all three of Coventry's goals at Highbury, but he must prove he has recovered from the injury which forced him to miss their match against Manchester City on Friday before Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, names his side to play Liverpool at Highfield Road tonight. Quinn scored twice in Coventry's 5-1 home victory over Liverpool in December.

Les Ferdinand, for Queens Park Rangers at home to Sheffield United, and Teddy Sheringham, for Tottenham Hotspur against Chelsea, will be pressing their claims for the right to partner Wright against Poland, but as much interest at White Hart Lane will centre on the dugouts, where the respective managers and former Tottenham midfield partners, Osvaldo Ardiles and Glenn Hoddle, will be pitting their wits.

Paul Allen could make his first appearance of the season for Tottenham after suffering an ankle injury in the summer. He is likely to replace Darren Caskey, the England under-18 captain, as substitute. Caskey also hurt an ankle in the match against Aston Villa on Saturday.

Spencer Prior, who joined Norwich City from Southend United for £200,000 in the summer, is in line for his debut as Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, is forced to change his team for the first time. Ian Butterworth, their captain and central defender, misses the match against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough because of a hamstring injury, and Walker said he is "99 per cent certain" to select Prior.

Cwmbran Town take a 3-2 lead to Cork City for the second leg of their European Cup preliminary round tie. Wales's first representatives in the competition, the Konica League champions led 3-0 within 30 minutes of the first leg before being pegged back, and Cork are favourites to earn a first-round tie against the Turkish side, Galatasaray.

Bicknell lifts Surrey

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

SURREY, short of confidence and experienced players after a troubled August in which three defeats and a draw saw them slip out of the championship race, received a much-needed fillip yesterday when their opening batman, Darren Bicknell, batted throughout the day at the Oval, scoring 122 of a healthy total of 327 for five against Hampshire.

With four Test players unavailable — Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe are injured, Martin Bicknell is to have a knee operation and Waqar Younis was "too tired" to take part — Bicknell made an unusually cautious start after nicking his first two balls just short of first slip and the wicketkeeper respectively and scored only 23 off 36 overs before lunch.

After reaching his 21st first-class hundred, his fourth of the season, in 290 minutes, having hit 16 fours, Bicknell went back into his shell after the dismissal of Alistair Brown, who made 62 of the 97 added in 25 overs for the fourth wicket.

Lancashire displayed the resilience that has too often been lacking this season to recover from the loss of Mendis, Atherton and Fairbrother in the space of eight balls from Richard Illingworth, of Worcestershire, at New Road. With their all-rounders all chipping in they rallied from 76 for three to reach 301 for nine.

This, however, still meant another four bowling points for Worcestershire, for whom Illingworth and Phil Newport reached 50 wickets for the season. Even if Worcestershire do not manage to deprive Glamorgan of second place, they would certainly win any award on offer for the most improved team of the season, having finished seventeenth in 1992.

Durham also made a good recovery against Nottinghamshire at Chester-le-Street. They were 143 for five, with only Phil Bainbridge left of the specialist batsmen, only for John Wood, with an unbeaten 63, the best score of his brief career, to guide them to 308, the last two wickets adding 89.

David Byas was the only batsman to pass 40 at Grace Road where 15 wickets fell in the day. Yorkshire justified Martyn Moxon's decision to field by dimissing Leicestershire for 158. An inspired burst from Alan Mullally left Yorkshire struggling in turn at 63 for four before Byas, with 43 not out, carried them to 130 for five.

Hancock shows spirit that Gloucestershire require

BY IVO TENNANT

TAUNTON (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Somerset, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 177 runs behind Gloucestershire

ONE of several reasons why Gloucestershire are at the bottom of the championship table is that they have amassed just 19 bonus batting points. That they managed any at all yesterday was only owing to a partnership of 143 between Tim Hancock and Jack Russell that bespoke defiance, something their side has lacked for much of the season.

As on Monday, when Gloucestershire were defeated by Glamorgan, only two batsmen made any sort of score — and then not the centuries that they were looking for. On this heavily watered but perfectly acceptable pitch, Hancock finished with 76, Russell 65, and Somerset, in spite of Lathwell's continuing lack of form, in a position of some dominance.

If the batting is a considerable concern, it is nothing as to who will captain Gloucestershire next season. The negotiations with Walsh have dragged on interminably, not least because he does not come cheaply. Yet he is likely to stay and to continue to lead them. Fast bowlers never did make the best captains, but although he has to carry the attack as well, and has suffered a groin strain in so doing, there is no one else. Poor Wright, Walsh's predecessor, was back in the side for the first time since mid-July and failed to add to his miserable tally of 307 runs this season.

As for their openers, Broad is not making the runs expected of him, as Gloucestershire's supporters have not been slow to point out, and Hinks is not the batsman he was in his Kent days. Broad was out in the first over from Van Troost that cost 14 and was as disconcerting for its explosive pace as it was for its unpredictability. Hinks went to the second ball he faced from Rose, edging a straightforward catch to first slip.

Soon, in fact very soon considering that edges and full-blooded shots alike off Van Troost invariably went to the boundary, Gloucestershire were 81 for five. Mushtaq's googly and flipper were too much for Dawson and Alleyne, and his entire repertoire baffled the fail. In a summer in which Mushtaq has understandably been overshadowed by Warne it should not be overlooked that he has 70 first-class wickets.

So without the partnership between Hancock and Russell, Gloucestershire would have been scuppered. It did not help that they were missing Hodgson, who has a neck injury. Luckily, Hancock enjoys playing here. The highest score of his three-season career, 102, was on this ground last year, and he had the guts to withstand both the bombardment of Van Troost and the mystique of Mushtaq.

He is just the sort of cricketer his county needs, and he was greatly helped by having Russell at the other end.



Russell: defiant 65

Cowdrey recalled by word of Bird

BY JACK BAILEY

CANTERBURY (first day of four: Kent won toss): Kent have scored 302 for six wickets against Northamptonshire

A FUNNY thing happened as Graham Cowdrey made his way off the field at Canterbury yesterday, 15 minutes before the close. He had just been given out by Dickie Bird, the umpire, caught behind the wicket off Ambrose after four hours at the crease and with his score at 65.

It was a decision with which Cowdrey clearly disagreed. The way he rubbed his forearm was evidence of that, as was the way he slammed his bat repeatedly against his leg.

He had reached a point some five yards from the boundary's edge when he was called back by Bird, not apparently at the instigation of Allan Lamb, the Northamptonshire captain, who objected plainly and vehemently to Bird's reversal of his original decision. "If we all do that [indicating a rubbing of the arm], does it mean we all get called back?" he said.

Law 27 (6) states: "The umpire's decision is final. He may alter the decision, provided that such alteration is made promptly." Bird said that his fresh decision, which seemed an awful long time in coming, was prompt enough. "On reflection, it seemed to hit him high," he said. It was certainly a fairly brave *volte face* in view of Northamptonshire's objections and Bird's own loss of face.

It had been quite a day for Bird, who was also stung by a wasp, and for Cowdrey, who not only made his best score of the season but lived to fight another day in the most extraordinary circumstances.

Fulton and Longley, opening for Kent for the first time, put on 116 for the first wicket, Fulton going on to a career best 75. Both played uncommonly well and Northamptonshire looked to be in for a rare drubbing.

But then Kent came close to dissipating all the good work as, one after the other, Hooper, Fleming and Llong were dismissed. Kent lost five wickets in making 100 runs and Cowdrey was forced to buckle down to a long innings.

Hooper and Fleming had begun brilliantly, Hooper hitting six fours in his 34 before driving loosely at Bailey and Fleming dispatching five fours from his 18 balls.

By the time of the contretemps, however, Cowdrey had patiently steered Kent to a reasonable, if not commanding, position.

Smith promises to act after rare defeat

THE shock of losing at home to Kilmarnock, of all people, has had a predictable effect at Ibrox. Determined not to allow a repeat of Saturday's 2-1 defeat, Rangers' first at home since March 1992, Walter Smith, the Scottish champions' manager, yesterday promised to make changes for the match against Aberdeen in the quarter-final of the League Cup at Ibrox.

"There will be changes to the team, directly because of Saturday's result," Smith said. "I can only go on performances — and Saturday's was not good enough."

Smith has added youth-team products David Hagen and John Morrow to his squad, plus the winger, Pieter Huistra. At least one is expected to play.

Nevertheless, Rangers are suffering from the loss of several leading players through injury, including the central defender, John Brown, who yesterday underwent an operation to release a trapped nerve and will be out for three to four weeks.

Willie Miller, the Aberdeen manager, said: "We were close to success against Rangers last season, but now we have to take that extra step further. It was a great boost for the club to get five players into the Scotland squad this week."

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARD

Britannic Assurance county championship

Somerset v Gloucestershire

TAUNTON *(first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Somerset, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 177 runs behind Gloucestershire*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Turner b van Troost 4
S G Hinks c Harden b Rose 0
R I Dawson c Turner b Mushtaq 31
M W Alleyne b Mushtaq 24
T H C Hancock c Rose b van Troost 76
A J Wright c Trump b Mushtaq 0
*†R C Russell c Harden b Trump 65
M Davies c Hayhurst b Mushtaq 3
M C J Ball lbw b Trump 11
K E Cooper not out 2
A M Babington c Trump b Mushtaq 1
Extras (b 10, lb 7, nb 22) 39
Total (74.2 overs) 256

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-14, 3-54, 4-81, 5-81, 6-224, 7-242, 8-246, 9-255

BOWLING: Van Troost 15-1-68-2, Rose 13-4-29-1, Mushtaq Ahmed 24.2-5-81-5, Trump 17-5-36-2, Kerr 5-0-25-0

SOMERSET: First Innings

A N Hayhurst not out 32
M N Lathwell c Russell b Cooper 7
R J Harden not out 37
Extras (w 1, no 2) 3
Total (1 wkt, 35 overs) 79

I Fletcher, *C J Tavare, †R J Turner, G D Rose, Mushtaq Ahmed, J I D Kerr, H R J Trump and A P van Troost to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-21

BOWLING: Cooper 8-1-31-1, Babington 6-3-11-0, Davies 11-4-20-0, Alleyne 5-2-5-0, Ball 5-1-12-0.

Bonus points: Somerset 4, Gloucestershire 2.

Umpires: A A Jones and D O Oslear

Surrey v Hampshire

THE OVAL *(first day of four: Surrey won toss): Surrey have scored 327 for five wickets against Hampshire*

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out 122
R I Alikhan c Cox b James 41
A W Smith b Shine 25
*M A Lynch lbw b James 32
A D Brown c and b Udal 62
A J Hollioake b Connor 8
M A Butcher not out 12
Extras (b 2, lb 10, nb 12) 26
Total (5 wkts, 113 overs) 327

†G J Kersey, N M Kendrick, J Boiling and J E Benjamin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-104, 3-193, 4-290, 5-301

BOWLING: Shine 17-1-64-1, Connor 28-5-101-1; James 20-8-49-2; Udal 36-13-56-1; Flint 12-1-44-0

HAMPSHIRE: V P Terry, R A Smith, K D James, D I Gower, *M C J Nicholas, R M F Cox, †A N Aymes, D P J Flint, C A Connor, S D Udal and K J Shine

Bonus points: Surrey 3, Hampshire 2.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and A G T Whitehead.

Kent v Northamptonshire

CANTERBURY *(first day of four: Kent won toss): Kent have scored 302 for six wickets against Northamptonshire*

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton lbw b Bowen 75
J I Longley lbw b Bowen 47
G R Cowdrey not out 65
C L Hooper c and b Bailey 34
N J Llong c Ripley b Roberts 0
M V Fleming b Bailey 23
*†S A Marsh c Ripley b Ambrose 47
M A Ealham not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 8) 11
Total (6 wkts, 110 overs) 302

D W Headley, A P Igglesden and M M Patel to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-116, 2-137, 3-190, 4-191, 5-216, 6-302

BOWLING: Ambrose 21-6-41-1, Taylor 21-7-53-0, Bowen 22-4-80-2, Bailey 25-6-62-2, Roberts 21-5-52-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: A Fordham, N A Felton, R J Bailey, *A J Lamb, M B Loye, R J Warren, †D Ripley, A R Roberts, M N Bowen, C E L Ambrose and J P Taylor.

Bonus points: Kent 3, Northamptonshire 2.

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

Worcestershire v Lancashire

WORCESTER *(first day of four: Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 301 for nine wickets against Worcestershire*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Rhodes b Illingworth 44
J P Crawley c D'Oliveira b Benjamin 36
M A Atherton lbw b Illingworth 1
*†N H Fairbrother c Weston b Illingworth 0
N J Speak c D'Oliveira b Hick 49
M Watkinson c Leatherdale b Tolley 38
Wasim Akram c Leatherdale b Illingworth 22
P A J DeFreitas c Hick b Newport 38
†W K Hegg c Rhodes b Newport 42
G Yates not out 3
P J Martin not out 10
Extras (b 11, w 1, nb 5) 18
Total (9 wkts, 110 overs) 301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-76, 3-76, 4-104, 5-175, 6-183, 7-225, 8-263, 9-290.

BOWLING: Benjamin 15-0-63-1, Tolley 14-6-21-1; Newport 22.2-4-72-2; Illingworth 35-14-81-4; Hawkes 11-3-37-0; Hick 6-3-13-1, D'Oliveira 1.5-5-0, Weston 6-2-18-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: *†T S Curtis, M J Weston, G A Hick, G R Haynes, D B D'Oliveira, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, C M Tolley, R K Illingworth and K C G Benjamin

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4, Lancashire 3

Umpires: R Palmer and D R Shepherd.

Sussex v Essex

HOVE *(first day of four: Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 392 for four wickets against Essex*

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Lewis b Boden 52
C W J Athey c Lewis b Boden 26
K Greenfield b Ilott 107
*†A P Wells c Robins b Childs 106
M P Speight not out 75
J A North not out 5
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 14) 21
Total (4 wkts, 110 overs) 392

†P Moores, I D K Salisbury, B T P Donelan, A C S Pigott and E S H Giddins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-80, 3-263, 4-371.

BOWLING: Ilott 23-6-69-1; Boden 21-3-85-2; Stephenson 23-6-74-0; Childs 21-6-60-1; Such 18-4-64-0; Salim Malik 3-0-19-0; Gooch 1-0-5-0.

ESSEX: *†G A Gooch, J P Stephenson, P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, J J B Lewis, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, J H Childs, D J P Boden and P M Such.

Bonus points: Sussex 4, Essex 1.

Umpires: J H Harris and G I Burgess

Leicestershire v Yorkshire

LEICESTER *(first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 28 runs behind Leicestershire*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Blakey b Robinson 14
P N Hepworth c Blakey b Hartley 3
*†J J Whitaker c Blakey b Robinson 4
V J Wells c Blakey b White 20
P E Robinson b Stemp 25
†F Smith lbw b Gough 6
†P A Nixon b Hartley 18
*†D A Graveney lbw b Lewis 4
A R K Pierson not out 32
D J Millns c White b Hartley 5
A D Mullally c Moxon b Gough 7
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 10) 20
Total (55.4 overs) 158

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-14, 3-37, 4-64, 5-81, 6-87, 7-94, 8-135, 9-141.

BOWLING: Hartley 17-4-53-3, Gough 15.4-2-44-3; Robinson 17-6-31-2; White 5-2-20-1; Stemp 1-1-0-1

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Millns b Mullally 30
M P Vaughan b Mullally 13
D Byas not out 43
C White c Boon b Mullally 0
S A Kellett c Nixon b Mullally 4
†R J Blakey c Parsons b Pierson 28
A P Grayson not out 9
Extras (lb 1, w 2) 3
Total (5 wkts, 51 overs) 130

P J Hartley, D Gough, M A Robinson and R D Stemp to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-55, 3-55, 4-63, 5-108.

BOWLING: Millns 10-2-36-0; Mullally 18-8-57-4; Parsons 9-3-18-0; Wells 5-3-10-0; Pierson 8-3-7-1; Hepworth 1-0-1-0

Bonus points: Leicestershire 2, Yorkshire 4.

Umpires: B Dudleston and R Julian.

Durham v Nottinghamshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET *(first day of four; Nottinghamshire won toss). Durham have scored 308 against Nottinghamshire*

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler c French b Pennett 10
W Larkins lbw b Pennett 62
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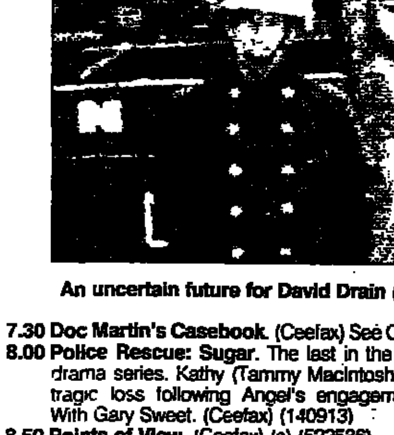
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Bonus points: Durham 3, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: J D Bond and P Willey.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (77230)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (33907623)
9.05 Hangar 17. Last in the series of music and fun (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2535401)
9.35 All About Us Sarah Greene presents highlights from *Going Live!* (s) (5163401)
10.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1136826) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (5979159) **10.25 Get Your Own Back**. Game show (r) (s) (5988607) **10.50 T'n'T Japan**. Andi Peters reports on Japanese technology (s) (1395604)
11.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3202523) **11.05 The High Chaparral**. Blue decides to leave the ranch (r) (3833197) **11.55 For the Love of It**. Snooker player Chris Barnett has trained a boys' choir (6607886)
12.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8205791) **12.05 King of the Road Revisited**. Ross King recalls his tour of Britain (s) (6519456) **12.30 Pebble Mill Encore**. Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers talk to sports personalities (s) (2245159) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (29097536)
1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (45401)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (61537197)
1.50 Going for Gold. European quiz (s) (61531913)
2.15 Hawaii Five-O. Police drama series. Can Steve McGarrett jog Danny's memory? (9801159)
3.05 Bazaar. Includes tips on home decorating and saving for more expensive phone bills (s) (5132265)
3.40 A Big Country. Roger Crosby, an Australian truck driver, enjoys star-gazing (4787772)
4.10 Children's BBC: The Legend of Prince Valiant. Cartoon adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (8997401) **4.35 The Really Wild Roadshow** from the Welsh Mountain Zoo (1785975) **5.00 Newsround** (5905888) **5.10 Byker Grove**. Episode 15 of a 20-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (2953401)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (828081). **Northern Ireland**: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (81)
6.30 Regional news magazines (33). **Northern Ireland**: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Every Second Counts. Three couples compete against the clock in the quiz show hosted by Paul Daniels (s) (3807)

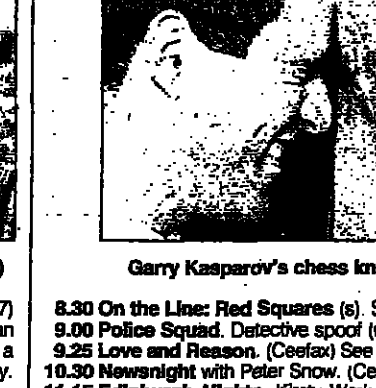


An uncertain future for David Drain (7.30pm)

7.30 Doc Martin's Casebook. (Ceefax) See Choice (17)
8.00 Police Rescue: Sugar. The last in the Australian drama series. Kathy (Tammy Macintosh) suffers a tragic loss following Angel's engagement party. With Gary Sweet. (Ceefax) (140913)
8.50 Points of View. (Ceefax) (s) (522536)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (3888)
9.30 Lonesome Dove. The penultimate episode of the epic western mini-series. Starring Robert Duvall and Tommy Lee Jones. Concludes tomorrow at 9.30pm. (Ceefax) (470284)
11.05 Spenser for Hire. The Boston private eye investigates the mugging of a retired police officer. With Robert Urich and Avery Brooks (s) (398130). **Northern Ireland**: European Football Special (668401); 11.45-12.30am Spenser for Hire (640130)
11.50 Weather (311371) Ends at **11.55**
2.15am BBC Select: Accountancy Television (812395); **3.15-3.45** Legal Network Television (13111)

BBC2

7.10 Open University: Mantegna. The Triumph of Caesar (4672371) **7.35** The Victoria & Albert Museum (3164913)
8.00 Breakfast News (7322933) **8.15 Ghostwriter**. Part two of *Into the Comics* (r) (s) (2131420)
8.40 Under Sail. The Galway Hookers (r) (7944933)
9.00 Film: Deadline at Dawn (1946, b/w) starring Susan Hayward and Paul Lukas. Atmospheric thriller about a dancer's bid to prove that a sailor did not commit murder. Directed by Harold Clurman (8625933)
10.20 Blotto (1930, b/w). The first in a Laurel and Hardy double-bill sees the comic duo flouting Prohibition. Directed by James Parrott (7356536)
10.40 Below Zero (1930, b/w). See Choice (3738468)
11.00 Film: Hard, Fast and Beautiful (1951, b/w) Melodrama starring Claire Trevor as the ambitious mother of tennis player Sally Forrest. Directed by Ida Lupino (1741062)
12.15 First Eleven. Anthony Bloom studies Dali's *12th Man* (r) (8237420) **12.30 A Girl Named Yumi**. The story of Yumi Funabiki of Japan (r) (9798642)
1.20 Forget-Me-Not Farm. Puppet fun (r) (77102791)
1.35 Discovering Birds. With Tony Soper (r) (68614197)
2.00 News. (Ceefax) Weather (60940178). Followed by **The History Man**: Bryan McNerney visits Stowa, a reconstructed Anglo-Saxon village in Suffolk (r) (60949449)
2.10 The Real Food of China. Seafood (r) (17272438)
2.35 CountryFile. With John Craven (r) (s) (3714975)
3.00 News (Ceefax) Weather (5711536) followed by **Heritage of the Forest**. An RSPB film about the wildlife in Britain's woodlands (1417913) **3.50 News**. (Ceefax) and weather (1992201)
4.00 Erebus: The Aftermath. Concluding the two-part drama about the 1979 Air New Zealand disaster. With Frank Finlay (r) (56523772)
5.35 Steam on the Settle and Carlisle. A nostalgic journey aboard the A4 Pacific steam engine Sir Nigel Gresley (826623)
6.00 Star Trek. William Shatner stars in the cult science-fiction series (r). (Ceefax) (518555)
6.50 Gunsmoke. Western series with James Arness. Doc's stagecoach is ambushed (918791)
7.40 For Britain and the Hell of It. Richard Noble's successful attempt in 1983 to capture the world land speed record in his car, Thrust 2 (r) (368197)



Garry Kasparov's chess knight (8.30pm)

8.30 On the Line: Red Squares (s). See Choice (9604)
9.00 Police Squad. Detective spoof (r) (150884)
9.25 Love and Reason. (Ceefax) See Choice (9604159)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (535449)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Kirsty Wark presents Festival highlights (s) (695555) **11.55 Weather** (318284)
12.00 Changing Voices. Three women poets talk about their lives and work (6994043)
12.25-12.55am Interrogating the Past – Challenging the Present. Examining history (6964802)

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CHOICE



Political strife for Marten, Logan (BBC2, 9.25pm)

Love and Reason
BBC2, 9.25pm

A three-part drama by Ron Rose takes a disenchanted view of Labour party infighting in a Yorkshire mining town. Lou Larson (Phyllis Logan) is a combative left-wing feminist who by 1993 has made the front bench as shadow minister for the family. Tonight's episode, set six years earlier, helps to explain how she got there. Nationally the party is losing the general election. Locally it is embroiled in a row about a planned new leisure complex, denounced by the left as municipal empire-building. Besides, it will syphon off funds from Lou's centre for battered women. The political battleground is authentically sketched, as if the author knows it from first-hand. Less credible is Lou's affair with a married councillor (Kevin McNally).

On the Line: Red Squares
BBC2, 8.30pm

A curtain-raiser to the world chess championship, starting next week and sponsored by *The Times*, reveals how the game was controlled and manipulated in the old Soviet Union. For Lenin, we are told, a love of chess came second only to his passion for Marxism. Under Stalin the game became a political weapon, used to enhance the prestige of the state at home and abroad. Involvement extended even to the KGB, which made sure that star players toed the line. The regime got its most compliant champion in Anatoly Karpov, who was alleged to have paid bribes to undermine his rival Gary Kasparov. Nigel Short, who plays Kasparov next week, reckons he is just another old Communist. But that could be pre-match hype.

Doc Martin's Casebook
BBC1, 7.30pm

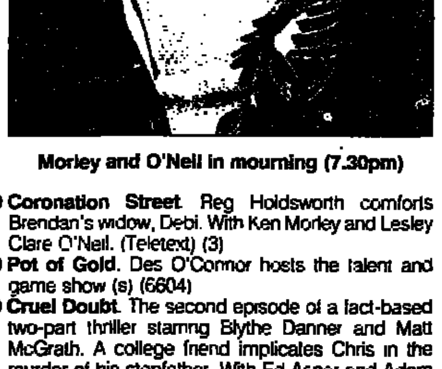
The series criticised for showing operations at the time when many people are sitting down to eat features David Drain, a fireman with short sight. Firefighters are not allowed to wear glasses or contact lenses and, approaching 40, Drain stands to lose his job with no realistic chance of getting another. His last hope is laser surgery, which removes tissue from the cornea and changes the focusing power of the eye. The operation cannot be guaranteed, nor is it available on the National Health Service. Drain is forced to raise a £2,600 bank loan. Why an operation which takes a few seconds should cost so much is not explained. But at least it is clean and bloodless and should not have viewers jamming the BBC switchboard.

Below Zero
BBC2, 10.40pm

Laurel and Hardy are street musicians down on their luck. The first gag is that it is snowing and they are playing "In the Good Old Summertime". The next gag is that they have been busking in front of a home for the deaf and dumb. To reveal this much is to spoil nothing since there is much else in the same vein. The 20 minutes are perfectly plotted and crammed with invention. Laurel and Hardy have been much analysed during the past couple of decades, often along the lines of errant child and scolding father. At a more basic level their comedy depends on giving the jokes a chance to breathe. The timing may seem ponderous but it is perfectly judged. *Below Zero* is rich in examples. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (7509064)
9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man: The Dream Zone Cartoon adventures (1478623) **9.50 London Today** (7923178)
9.55 Cartoons Featuring Pluto in *Bone Bandit* and Donald Duck in *Home Defence* (2572468)
10.15 Film: The World's Greatest Athlete (1973) Lively Disney comedy starring Jan-Michael Vincent as a boy from the African jungle who is discovered by two athletics coaches. Directed by Robert Scheerer (85995994) **11.55 London Today** (8899082)
12.00 Cartoon (8252739) **12.10 Allsorts** (r) (s) (1342772)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (1033468) **1.05 London Today** (77194772)
1.15 Home and Away (Teletext) (298420)
1.45 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama. Cris Kouros is suspended (s) (297791)
2.15 Dilly Down Town. Dilly Braimoh explores how ancient Jewish traditions shape everyday life in London (r) (289772)
2.45 Take the High Road Drama in the Scottish Highlands (3730913) **3.10 News** headlines (5722642) **3.15 London Today** (5721913)
3.20 The Young Doctors (2677265)
3.50 Cartoon Speedy and Daffy (4332265)
3.55 Children's ITV: Scooby Doo. Cartoon (r) (8879062) **4.20 How 2** Facts and fun with Fred Dinenage, Gareth Jones and Carl Vorderman (r) (8187449) **4.40 Spatz** Drama series (1829975)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2441352)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (436159)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (62517)
7.00 Fantastic Facts! The last in the series in which Jonathan Ross presents strange but true stories. Includes the amazing balancing powers of the French acrobat Henrys Rechalhin and Robert Haag's collection of meteorites (s) (8975)



Morley and O'Neil in mourning (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Reg Holdsworth comforts Brendan's widow, Debi. With Ken Morley and Lesley Clare O'Neil. (Teletext) (3)
8.00 Pot of Gold. Des O'Connor hosts the talent and game show (s) (6604)
9.00 Cruel Doubt. The second episode of a fact-based two-part thriller starring Blythe Danner and Matt McGrath. A college friend implicates Chris in the murder of his stepfather. With Ed Asner and Adam Baldwin. Concludes after the news. (Teletext) (6468)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (37333) **10.30 London Tonight** (377517)
10.40 Cruel Doubt. The final part. (Teletext) (902062)
11.30 Film: Rhinestone (1984) starring Sylvester Stallone and Dolly Parton. Contrived comedy about a country-and-western star who accepts a wager that she can teach a loud-mouthed Brooklyn cab driver to sing in two weeks. With Richard Farnsworth and Ron Liebman. Directed by Bob Clark (38772)
1.30am Entertainment UK (s) (79802)
2.30 America's Top Ten (s) (87376)
3.00 The Little Picture Show. Mariella Frostrup looks at martial arts in films, including *Legacy of Rage* and *Bruce Lee Fights Back from the Grave* (r) (92753)
4.00 60 Minutes. American news magazine (r) (32869)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (48840)
5.30 ITN Morning News (37173). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff Feline cartoon (2206371)
6.45 Wowser Animated canine adventures (4757062)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. Among today's guests is the Scottish actor Robbie Coltrane (68352)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. High school comedy (47710)
9.30 Dancing Into the Nineties The first of a two-part celebration of music, style and dance (r) (22212)
10.30 Kelly Adventures with the clever police dog (2741807) **10.55 Sharky and George** The fishy detectives search for a sea elephant (r) (2759826)
11.25 The Henderson Kids. Australian family drama series (1419081) **11.55 The Frog Prince**. Cartoon version of the classic fairy-tale (r) (7359424)
12.00 American Chronicles Richard Dreyfuss narrates this off-beat documentary about America's obsession with cars (r) (34246)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series (r) (97994)
1.30 The Herbs (r) (88548178)
1.45 Foofur Animated dog tales (88536333)
2.00 Film: Harriet Craig (1950, b/w) Gripping psychological drama starring Joan Crawford as the overbearing mistress of a well-appointed and immaculately maintained home. With Wendell Corey. Directed by Vincent Sherman (993951)
3.45 The Harpoonist. A cartoon by the Estonian animator Rien Raamat (r) (5940866)
3.55 Our Backyard David Gee meets a group of self-builders (r). (Teletext) (1195046)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley hosts the words and numbers game (Teletext) (s) (6)
5.00 Two to Tango. Short film about a piano player's romantic liaisons (8120739)
5.15 Film: Fighting Man of the Plains (1949). Average western starring Randolph Scott as a reformed outlaw who assumes the identity of a dead marshall. Directed by Edwin L. Marin (61820197)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (338791) **7.50 Comment** (490178)
8.00 Brookside Beth and Peter become more intimate (Teletext) (s) (5265)



John Thaw's inspector calls again (8.30pm)

8.30 Inspector Morse: Second Time Around John Thaw stars as the dour chief inspector in an early repeat showing of five episodes from the acclaimed drama series. Morse links the unsolved murder of a young girl 18 years before to the killing of a retired policeman. With Kevin Whately as his faithful sidekick, Lewis. (Teletext) (90059468)
10.35 mr don and mr george The second of a six-part comedy series written by and starring Jack Docherty and Moray Hunter. (Teletext) (s) (867449)
11.05 LA Law. Glossy drama series about an American law firm. Michael and Grace let work interfere with their personal lives. Meanwhile, Ann is handling the sensitive case of a dying woman who refuses to have a Caesarean to save her unborn baby. With Harry Hamlin, Susan Dey and Jill Eikenberry (Teletext) (s) (430555)
12.05am Un Peu de Tout. This sketch show from Belgium won the Prix Special at the 1991 Montreux Golden Rose Festival (7455227)
12.40 Neend (1959) starring the Pakistani actress Noor Jehan. An imaginative social drama depicting the exploitation of villagers. With Aslam. In Urdu with English subtitles. Directed by Hasan Tariq (63517258). Ends at **3.25**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Steve Edwards (**FM** only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow from Southport **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Claire Sturgess in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** The Steve Edwards Soul Show **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Neale James (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Brian Hayes **2.00pm** Debbie Greenwood **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Young Tradition Showcase **8.00** Eurofolk in Concert **8.30** Squeezing Around the World **9.00** Lucie Skeaping's Early Music **9.30** Nigel Ogden **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Mission Investigates **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Rock Solid **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Is Anybody There? Eric Pringle's ghost story **7.15** Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird **7.30** Trevor Brooking's Football Night, featuring Chelsea v Spurs **10.10** Hit the North **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories, *Sliding* **5.45** Country Style **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Development '93 **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The Miles Kington Interview **9.30** Game, Set and Match **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Country Style **10.30** Poems by Post **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Omnibus **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** New Ideas **1.35** Tales from Wales **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories, *Sliding* **3.45** Good Books **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** As I Recall **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** Multitrack 2 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** After Henry **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Waveguide **2.40** Book Choice **2.45** The Farming World **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Sports International **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Hiller (Piano Concerto in F sharp minor: Michael Ponti; Orchestra of Radio Luxembourg under Volker Schmidt) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Book Browse with John Russell **8.00** Evening Concert. Bizet (Symphony in C), Mahler (Kindertotenlieder) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Anglia News (77194772) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (289772) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2441352) **6.00** Home and Away (223888) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (213623) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (377517) **11.30** Film: Hellinger's Law (431361) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (28043) **1.45** 60 Minutes (9307937) **2.40** Cue the Music (6124918) **3.40** Film: Shadow of Fear (8326482) **4.40** Riviera (93081111) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (298420) **1.45** Home and Away (297791) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (289772) **3.20-3.50** Dinosaurs (2677265) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2441352) **6.00** Home and Away (223888) **6.25-7.00** Central News (213623) **10.30-10.40** Central News (377517) **11.30** The Equalizer (118028) **12.25am** Film: Confessions of a Married Man (732227) **2.10** Entertainment UK (7896043) **3.10** Stage 1 (2795208) **4.10** Central Jobfinder 93 (7328444) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1771918)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (298420) **1.45** Home and Away (86807807) **2.10-2.45** De Medici Kitchen (4923739) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (2677265) **5.10-5.40** The Mountain Bike Show (2441352) **6.00** Home and Away (49) **6.30-7.00** Granada News (71) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (377517) **11.30** Film: Hellinger's Law (431361) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (28043) **1.45** 60 Minutes (9307937) **2.40** Cue the Music (6124918) **3.40** Film: Shadow of Fear (8326482) **4.40** Riviera (93081111) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45 A Country Practice (297791) **2.15-2.45** Gardening Time (289772) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (2677265) **6.00** HTV News (49) **6.30-7.00** The West Country Game (71) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (377517) **11.30** Film: Hellinger's Law (431361) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (28043) **1.45** 60 Minutes (9307937) **2.40** Cue the Music (6124918) **3.40** Film: Shadow of Fear (8326482) **4.40** Riviera (93081111) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (5643901)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (49) **6.30-7.00** Foley Square (71)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.15-2.45 Right or Wrong (289772) **3.15** Meridian News (5721913) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2677265) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (941772) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (49) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (71) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News (377517) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.10-1.15 Where the Jobs Are (74725081) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (289772) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (140178) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (71) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (377517) **11.30** Film: The Rape of Richard Beck (431361) **1.15am** Hollywood Report (28043) **1.45** Videofashion (27314) **2.15** Transworld Sport (807463) **3.15** Raw Power (803647) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (9199005)

ULSTER
As London except: 2.15 Movies, Games and Videos (28527325) **2.40-2.45** Witness (8781159) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (2677265) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (62517) **7.59-8.00** UTV Live (400555) **8.59-9.00** UTV Live (765420) **10.30-10.40** UTV Live (377517) **11.30** Film: Hellinger's Law (431361) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (28043) **1.45** 60 Minutes (9307937) **2.40** Cue The Music (6124918) **3.40** Film: Shadow of Fear (8326482) **4.40** Riviera (93081111) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (5643901)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Westcountry Latest (77194772) **1.45** The Young Doctors (297791) **2.15-2.45** An Invitation to Remember (289772) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2677265) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (62517) **11.30** Film: Hellinger's Law (431361) **1.15am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (28043) **1.45** 60 Minutes (9307937) **2.40** Cue the Music (6124918) **3.40** Film: Shadow of Fear (8326482) **4.40** Riviera (93081111) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Calendar News (77194772) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (289772) **5.55** Calendar (140178) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (71) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (377517) **11.30** Film: The Rape of Richard Beck (431361) **1.15am** Hollywood Report (28043) **1.45** Videofashion (27314) **2.15** Trans World Sport (807463) **3.15** Raw Power (803647) **4.15-5.30** Jobfinder (9199005)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (68352) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (47710) **9.30** Film: Spare a Copper (3675536) **10.50** Kelly (3703772) **11.15** The Henderson Kids (7397975) **11.40** The Lion and the Song (6114791) **12.00pm** High 5 (34246) **12.30** Sesame Street (97994) **1.30** A Different World (84739) **2.00** Film: Much Too Shy (331604) **3.40** Oprah Gold (3105420) **4.30** Secret Life of Machines (6) **5.00** Plane Scared (9081) **5.30** Countdown (78) **6.00** News (692994) **6.10** Heno (509807) **7.00** Jacpot (6517) **7.30** Credo (5) **8.00** Glan Hafren (5265) **8.30** News (4772) **9.00** Action (7710) **10.00** Brookside (35975) **10.30** Hwyr Neu Hwyrach (520517) **11.15-1.10am** Film: The President's Analyst (336536)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: What is Post-Modernity?
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Catriona Young presents Couperin (Sonata, L'Imperiale); Shostakovich (Piano Concerto No 1, Op 35); Strauss (Sextet, Capriccio); Mendelssohn (Piano Quartet in C minor, Op 1)
9.00 Composer of the Month: Schumann Dichterliebe, Op 48; Overture: Die Braut von Messina; Seit ich ihn gesehen; Helft mir, ihr Schwestern; Süsser Freund, du blickest mich; An meinem Herzen; Nun hast du mir den ersten Schmerz getan, Frauenliebe und-leben
10.00 Midweek Choice: with Susan Sharpe. Vivaldi (Laudate Pueri, RV601): Offenbach (Barcarolle, Les Contes d'Hoffmann); Liszt (Consolation No 3 in D flat); Albrechtsberger (Concerto in F for Jew's Harp and Mandora); Beethoven (Mir ist so wunderbar, Fidelio, Act 1); Howard Ferguson (Octet, Op 4); William Shield (Hope and Love, Ye Balmy Breezes, Gently Blow); Jean-Baptiste Cardon (Variations on "Ah, vous dirai-je, maman"; Haydn (Symphony No 49 in F minor, La Passione)
12.00 A Taste of Italy: BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Manchester Summer Recital. The Vanbrugh String Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 74 No 1); Debussy (String Quartet in G minor, Op 10)
2.00 Franz Schmidt Symphonies: BBC Philharmonic under Alfred Walter performs Symphony No 2 in E flat
2.50 Academy of Ancient Music Trio perform Bach, Telemann, Boismortier and Quantz (r)
3.35 Guitar Music by Giuliani: Emanuele Segre performs La Rossiniana No 1 in G; La Risoluzione
4.00 Choral Evensong from Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
5.00 In Tune with Stephen Johnson
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall. English Concert and Choir under Trevor Pinnock with Barbara Bonney, soprano, Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo, Jamie MacDougall, tenor, and Stephen Gadd, bass, perform Mozart (Symphony No 31 in D, K297, Paris; Mass in C, K317, Coronation) **8.15** Chez Madame d'Epinay: Nicolas Till presents a portrait of the woman whose salon gathered the most lively and progressive intellects of her day. The young Mozart was a guest in her apartments following the death of his mother. **8.35** Mozart (Vesperae solennes de Confessore, K339: Dixit Dominus; Laudate Dominium, Magnificat; Symphony No 38 in D, K504, Prague)
9.35 South African Snapshots Elsa Joubert and Dalene Matthee discuss their current writing (r)
9.55 Paragon Ensemble under David Davies performs the Stravinsky Octet (r)
10.15 Changing Times: Developments in jazz in the 1930s and 1940s (r)
10.45 Moscow Writers: Noel Witts meets writers who find themselves in a vacuum (r)
11.30 Brahms and Schubert: Brahms (Hungarian Dance No 21), Schubert (Sonatina No 1 in D, D384); March in G, D928); Variations in B flat, D603); Brahms Violin Sonata No 1 in G, Op 78)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00am** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News; **6.45** Business News, **6.55, 7.55** Weather; **7.25, 8.25** Sports News; **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** The Natural History of Selborne **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair. Marjorie Proops talks to Dr Anthony Clare (r)
9.45 The Benn Tapes Tony Benn, MP, with more government revelations
10.00 Thy Good and Faithful Servant: See Choice
10.30 Woman's Hour (**FM** only): Sarah Dunant and Mairead Devlin ask "Is fitness addictive?"
10.00 News; Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible Chronicles (**LW** only) (1/7)
11.30 Gardeners' Questions Time, from the Yeovil and District Gardening Society (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Men of Intelligence by Peter Kerry. Edward and Michael join a CND march across Kent. With Harriet Thorpe, John Wells and Donald Pickering **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Overspill by Rupert Mallin. Falling in love teaches lessons about clashing beliefs. With Sarol Jenkins, Stephen Tomlinson and John Church
2.47 View from the Fish Queue: Phil Smith reflects on life and current affairs. Last in series
3.00 News; Relative Values, with Michael O'Donnell (r)
3.42 Happily Ever After Leslie Forbes talks to couples with unconventional relationships. 4: Pierre is an artist living in France and Nicola runs her own company in London. How does a long distance marriage work for them?
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Interviews John Sayles about his movie *Passion Fish*, reviews Sharon Stone in *Sliver* and reports from the location of Daniel Day Lewis's latest film, a dramatisation of the story of the Guildford Four
4.45 Short Story: Glass by Shena Mackay, read by Diana Payan
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz: Round one. London v Ireland (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Am I Doing All Right? with Peter Cotterill (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Faith, Fact and Fiction See Choice
8.45 In Business. Who Needs Managers? Peter Day reports from Brazil on how Ricardo Semler has revolutionised his company's structure and increased profits
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Trick of It by Michael Frayn, read by Martin Jarvis
11.00 Dear Diary: For August 27, presented by Simon Brett (r)
11.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy The last in the series in which disabled people talk frankly to Peter White about how their disabilities have shaped their lives. (r)
12.00 News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** (**LW** only) As World Service

CHOICE

Thy Good and Faithful Servant. *Radio 4, 10.00am (FM)*.
Lord Herford, 7th Marquess of Ragley Hall, and Andrew Fowles, his butler/manservant, sound like jolly good chums. Here's one exchange between them: Butler: "They (his lordship's family) are quite ordinary really". Peer: "No we're not". Butler: "Yes you are!". Then, in an aside: "He's nice. If he'd been nasty, I'd have been off". Peer to butler: "We'll definitely need you as a fourth for tennis on Sunday morning". Butler to peer: "That's not in the contract". Cut to plop of tennis balls. Not a bit like Jeeves and Wooster.

Faith, Fact and Fiction. *Radio 4, 8.15pm*.
Dean Swift is Rosemary Hartill's first subject in her new series about the way religious beliefs have affected eminent writers. The lacerating polemic of Swift's influential pamphlets were one thing and the sermons he gave as dean of Dublin's St Patrick's Cathedral were another. Despite this, it is inconceivable that anyone listening to this human firecracker in the pulpit would have dozed off. If they did there was a stiff penalty: they would be severely thrashed by the local sheriff and banished from the parish. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (71401) **6.30** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1108468) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (76613333) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (14994) **10.00** Card Sharks (6596555) **10.25** Concentration (3425449) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9685994) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (94915) **12.00** E Street (74888) **12.30pm** Three's Company (18710) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (13365) **2.00** Testimony of Two Men (7381642) **2.55** Another World (5182555) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (3643802) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7888) **6.00** Games World (1710) **6.30** E Street (2062) **7.00** Rescue (6517) **7.30** Full House (8246) **8.00** Hunter (56994) **9.00** Picket Fences (36130) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (46517) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (88130)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (2421642) **9.30** ABC Nightline (83888) **10.30** Fashion TV (66994) **11.30** Business Report (85536) **12.30pm** Business Report (69710) **1.30** CBS This Morning (77739) **2.30** Fashion TV (87333) **3.30** ABC Nightline (96352) **4.30** Business Report (5159) **5.00** Live at Five (114352) **7.30** Fashion TV (6888) **8.00** World News Hour (50420) **9.30** Talkback (21197) **11.30** CBS News (69888) **12.30am** ABC News (61145) **1.30** CBS News (11802) **2.30** Those Were the Days (81550) **3.30** CBS News (93395) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (62024) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (84005)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8587130)
10.00 The Never-Ending Story II: The Next Chapter (1990) Fantasy film for children. With Jonathan Brandis (29826)
12.00 Continental Divide (1981) John Belushi and Blair Brown are the odd couple in love (88642)
2.00pm The Wonder of It All (1986) Documentary of some of nature's rarest and most magnificent animals, filmed in their natural habitats (60197)
4.00 The Wind and the Lion (1974) A kidnapping drama set in Morocco starring Sean Connery (12947820)
6.05 The Never-Ending Story II: The Next Chapter (as 10am) (46465130)
8.00 Nothing But Trouble (1991) Madcap comedy starring Chevy Chase, Demi Moore, John Candy and Dan Aykroyd (52178)
10.00 Freejack (1992) 21st-century science-fiction adventure starring Emilio Estevez and Mick Jagger (999994)
11.50 Myriam A young wife embarks on a series of affairs. With Bea Fiedler (928826)
1.30am Dillinger (1991) The life and times of 1930s gangster. With Mark Harmon and Sherilyn Fenn as his moll (70463)
3.30 El Diablo (1991) A school-teacher in the 1800s teams up with gunmen to seek out evil outlaw, El Diablo. With Anthony Edwards (322647) Ends at **5.15**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Young Billy Young (1969). A vengeful sheriff (Robert Mitchum) becomes a surrogate father (31623)
8.00 Audrey Rose (1977) Reincarnation thriller with Marsha Mason, John Beck and Anthony Hopkins (43468)
10.00 First Blood (1982) Sylvester Stallone's first Rambo movie. With Brian Dennehy (86371) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The World of Suzie Wong (1960). Romantic melodrama as an American artist falls for an Oriental prostitute. With William Holden and Nancy Kwan (50669772)
8.15 Peter Pan Animation (236975)
9.15 Wind in the Willows Animated version of the British novel (232159)
10.15 Kiss Me, Stupid (1964) Billy Wilder comedy with Dean Martin as a libidinous singing idol (53524536)
12.25pm The Man Inside (1990) International intrigue involving a muck-raking German newspaper (637265)
2.10 Where the Red Fern Grows (1990) Sweeping family saga with Wilford Brimley (625555)
4.00 Peter Pan (as 8.15am) (14420)
5.00 Wind in the Willows (as 9.15am) (3826)
6.00 Brother Future (1992). Time-travel adventure (48975)
8.00 Love Kills (1991). A philandering wife discovers her lover's dark secrets. Starring Virginia Madsen and Lenny Von Dohlen (43420)
10.00 The Hard Way (1991) Michael J Fox, James Woods and Erich Anderson star in this police comedy thriller (34284)
12.00 Queens Logic (1991) Old friends reunite. With John Malkovich, Joe Mantegna and Kevin Bacon (962260)
1.55am Welcome Home Roxy Carmichael (1990) Winona Ryder stars as the unhappy teenager in a small-town America comedy. With Jeff Daniels (709685)
3.30 True Colors (1990) Dirty tricks campaigns of rival law students (36703753) Ends at **5.35**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3694389) **7.15** Prime Bodies (998046) **7.45** French Football League (348587) **8.15** Soccer News (9053401) **8.30** Prime Time Baseball (60264) **9.00** Prime Bodies (51536) **9.30** Red Line (34536) **10.30** The Footballer's Football Show (49246) **12.00** The Boss (31772) **12.30pm** US Open Tennis Highlights (6821265) **4.00** US Open Tennis (2352) **6.00** Soccer News (382130) **6.15** Sportsworld (469975) **7.00** WWF Summerslam (909642) **10.00** Soccer News (250468) **10.15** WBO World Heavyweight Championship (412888) **12.30-4.00am** US Open Tennis (23571078)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (50371) **8.00** Cycling (12361) **10.00** Badminton (53655) **11.00** Eurogoals (36791) **12.00** Sailing Admiral's Cup (98197) **1.00pm** EuroTennis (21371) **3.00** Eurofun (3604) **3.30** Surfing (6623) **4.00** Triathlon (72468) **5.00** Canoeing (7284) **6.00** DTM German Touring Cars (2807) **6.30** Eurosport News (3159) **7.00** Pro Superbike (39082) **8.00** Motorsport Magazine (83062) **9.00** Motor Racing Magazine (39046) **10.00** Boxing (89623) **11.00** Kick Boxing (57264) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (29192)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jem (8933913) **7.30** Neighbours (8912420) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1658352) **8.30** EastEnders (1657623) **9.00** The Bill (1648975) **9.30** Moon and Son (1968420) **10.30** Big Deal (2922420) **11.30** Rhoda (1114997) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1668739) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2360739) **1.00** EastEnders (8932284) **1.30** The Bill (2352710) **2.00** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (5687352) **2.30** Citizen Smith (8233826) **3.00** Dallas (7514933) **4.00** Dynasty (2364230) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5578604) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (8237642) **6.00** Neighbours (8234555) **6.30** Moon and Son (1568807) **7.30** It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (8214791) **8.00** EastEnders (5574888) **8.30** Citizen Smith (5586623) **9.00** Big Deal (3028130) **10.00** The Bill (1662468) **10.30** Three of a Kind (1645888) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9609420) **11.40** Dr Who (8896130) **12.10am** Film: Too Many Girls (29890208) **1.40-2.00am** Video Bites (52064656)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (49352) **7.00** The Care Bears Family (4987265) **7.55** Ratkan II (6657284) **8.30** Galaxy High School (26064) **9.00** The Little Mermaid (93536) **9.30** Manu (11420) **10.00** The Finder (70246) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-man (82420) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (96062) **11.30** Say Ahhh! Featuring Goodsports (97791) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (34371) **1.00pm** Michael Valiant (23497) **1.30** The Secret World of Og (21807) **2.00** Adventure (6333) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (2623) **3.00** The Care Bears Family (5468) **3.30** Ratkan II (4468) **4.00** Bobobobs (3975) **4.30-5.00** All for One (9159)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (44710) **7.30** Guts (30517) **8.00** Kid's Court (69555) **8.30** Wild Side Show (68826) **9.00** Rabbit Ears We All Have Tales (59178) **9.30** Junior Story Time (79420) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (13352) **10.30** The World of David the Gnome (48062) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (54062) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (10246) **12.30pm** Rabbit Ears We All Have Tales (80536) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (43081) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (89807) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (1541) **2.30** Junior Storytime (7352) **3.00** Jungle Book (66807) **3.30** Out of Control (9197) **4.00** Kablooey (8604) **4.30** Hey Dude (4888) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1623) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (8468) **6.00** Guts (8081) **6.30-7.00pm** Get the Picture (9333)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Coral Reef: The Echinoderms (8215430) **4.30** Wild Sanctuaries: Kakadu (8211604) **5.00** Sunsweet California Prunes Adventure Hour: High Five: Free Dive (5576246) **5.30** The Fastest Men on Earth (8235284) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6444623) **6.50** Anne Martin's Postcards: Jamaica (3000888) **7.00** Bellamy's Bird's Eye View (5589710) **7.30** Natural Causes: The Opportunists (8212333) **8.00** Those Who Dare: Rodeo Clown (5565130) **8.30** Exotic Races: Jockey of the Desert (5584265) **9.00** Nova: Cities of Coral (3026772) **10.00** Man on the Rim: The Peopling of the Pacific: The Cutting Edge (3036159) **11.00** The Amateur Naturalist: Living on the Edge (3714771) **11.30-12.00am** Earthfile (1132975)

BRAVO
12.00 Film: Down Among the Z Men (1952, b/w) Goons comedy with Peter Sellers and Harry Secombe (58760739) **1.15pm** Film: Easter Parade (1948) Irving Berlin musical starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire (83796420) **3.00** Bonanza: Desert Justice (9219361) **4.00** The "New" Honeymooners: sketches with Jackie Gleason and Art Carney (8219246) **4.30** I Spy (1216710) **5.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (8222710) **6.00** Mr Lucky: The Stands for Pool (8229623) **6.30** The Bill Cosby Show (8210975) **7.00** The Big Valley (3057642) **8.00** Film: Frieda (1947, b/w) Second world war drama with Glynis Johns and David Farrar (92335449) **9.45** Robert Benchley: No News is Good News (4064178) **10.00** Film: Petticoat Pirates (1961) Charlie Drake accidentally goes to sea with a company of Wrens. With Anne Heywood (8754772) **11.30-12.00am** Hopalong Cassidy (1129401)

UK LIVING
7.00am Hot Topics and Living Extra (8382178) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1423130) **8.30** Living Daylights (1422401) **9.00** Divorce Court (1446081) **9.30** Hot Topics (7076130) **10.00** The Full Treatment (4408642) **10.30** Living Extra (1442265) **11.00** The Home Show (3154791) **11.30** Masterchef (3155420) **12.00** Practical Living (23627642) **12.15pm** Kilroy (9885807) **1.00** Crosswits (7075401) **1.30** Days of our Lives (6942456) **3.00** Agony Hour (3166536) **4.00** Crosswits (3178371) **4.30** Infatuation (6026820) **5.00** Hot Topics (7817975) **6.00** Health UK (1276523) **6.30** John Tovey's Entertaining on a Plate (7571915) **7.00** Agony Hour (6545061) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6521401) **9.00** Film: Frances (1982) Starring Jessica Lange (6531898) **11.00** Divorce Court (3146772) **11.30** You're on the Air, with Dr Ruth (4404826) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (8362314)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Bay (3523) **5.30** Wonder Years (3739) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (3352) **6.30** Catchphrase (4604) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7449) **7.30** All Clued Up (2646) **8.00** Remington Steele (45826) **9.00** Neon Rider (25062) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (74401) **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (90449) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Show (11271) **11.30** Newhart (69130) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (81956)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wild Side (705913) **9.00** Video Music Awards Spotlight (95994) **9.30** Marijne (296555) **12.00** Simone (286178) **2.30pm** VMA Spotlight (4081) **3.00** Greatest Hits (58166) **4.00** Coca-Cola Report (1452710) **4.15** At the Movies (1442333) **4.30** News (9703710) **4.45** 3 from 1 (9708265) **5.00** Dial MTV (2371) **5.30** Prime Time (87081) **7.00** VMA Spotlight (9807) **7.30** Most Wanted (33623) **9.00** Greatest Hits (27420) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (300062) **10.15** At the Movies (305517) **10.30** News (113371) **10.45** 3 from 1 (118826) **11.00** Post Modern (80555) **1.00am** Marijne (98531) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (8184260)

TV ASIA
From 6.00am to 4.00pm on Sky Movies Gold frequency and from 12.00 midnight to 6.00am on Sky One frequency **6.00am** Asian Morning (73807) **9.30** Nauroena (61604) **10.30** Good Housekeeping (45178) **11.30** TVA and U (91517) **12.00** News in Hindi, Urdu and English (26046) **12.30pm** Talash (15062) **1.00** Film: Akhri Sangram (347913) **4.00** Kiddie Time (14466) **5.00-6.00** TVA Dedicated to You (3246) **7.00** Sportsworld (23604) **7.30** They Must be Mad **8.00** News in English (706401) **8.15** Inteha (219517) **9.00** Film: Abhimanyu (86537771) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (1777402) **1.00** Film: Andhen Raat Mein, Diya Tere Haath Main (7008395) **4.00** Kainoat (30463) **5.00** Sona Chandi (73598) **5.30-6.00** Music (79111)

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Fifa loses patience with France

Football's world governing body threatens international suspension unless controversy surrounding Marseilles is resolved quickly

By John Goodbody

FIFA, the governing body of world football, yesterday threatened France with suspension from the international game because of the continuing delay in resolving the scandal of Marseilles, the European Cup-holders and French league champions, who have been accused of fixing a match.

João Havelange, the Fifa president, yesterday demanded that the French football authorities complete their investigations or face suspension from the world governing body, a punishment which could mean their disqualification from the 1994 World Cup.

The threat has wide repercussions because France is the host nation for the 1998 World Cup finals, awarded after England withdrew its candidature to ensure it could stage the 1996 European championship. A Fifa statement said that Havelange is "displeased with the fact that ... no decision had been reached [in the case] and that procrastination practised by the different authorities was exacerbating matters rather than resolving them."

Havelange said: "The impression is being given that those authorities responsible for France's football are not capable of reaching a decision. The protracted deliberations are jeopardising the image of football."

The French football league (FNL) is holding its inquiry into the scandal on Saturday, while the Uefa executive committee is meeting on Monday to rule if Marseilles should be excluded from this season's European Cup.

Uefa said the French football federation (FFF) had not met an August 30 deadline for it to name a possible replacement for Marseilles.

Noel Le Graet, the FNL president, said: "There is no negligence on our part, but instead a profound desire to find the truth." He added that it took time for justice "to take its course".

However, the FNL has a regulation that a club, once it has started a season, cannot be barred from playing all its games. Therefore, if the charges were proved against Marseilles, the club could continue in the French league despite being excluded from the European Cup.

Both Uefa and Fifa might find this hard to accommodate and might be forced to take further action.

Last Thursday, the FFF postponed crucial questioning of players and officials until September 4, when six of the eight players scheduled to appear at the hearing asked for a delay. French officials were openly scornful of Uefa's August 30 deadline and the delay in the hearing was seen as a direct challenge to Uefa's authority.

Jean-Louis Levreau, the Marseilles vice-president, said he was confident that the FFF would clear the team of the charges and be able to supply the necessary information to Fifa and Uefa after the meeting on September 4 to "put their minds at rest".

Gerard Houillier, the manager of the French national team, who play Finland in the World Cup qualifying competition on September 8, said that the country would qualify for next year's World Cup finals in the United States regardless of Fifa's threat. France share the lead with Sweden of European group six.

He said: "Every time the French team is under pressure like now, it has always reacted well. Havelange is putting pressure on the French team. That is good. It helps me."

The charges against Marseilles are that three Valenciennes players were allegedly bribed by Jean-Pierre Bernes, Marseilles' general manager, and Jean-Jacques Eydelie, a midfield player, to play badly in their league match on May 20. Marseilles' victory eased the way to the club taking the French league title, five days before they won the European Cup, by beating AC Milan in the final.

Bernes is a close associate of Bernard Tapie, the socialist politician and president of Marseilles, which he has built into the most powerful force in French football. Tapie has denied either he or the club is involved in malpractice.

However, the length of the investigations contrasts with events in Poland. When Legia Warsaw and LKS Lodz, who had finished first and second in the league championship, were suspected of match-fixing last season, the football federation quickly investigated the charges. Finding the clubs guilty, they took away their positions in the league and fined all the players about £21,000 each.

Selectors ready to put their faith in Salisbury

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

ENGLAND are preparing to gamble on a bowler lacking form, confidence and fitness for the winter tour of West Indies. Ian Salisbury's leg spin is considered such a match-winning commodity in the Caribbean that the evidence against him is likely to be discounted when the selectors meet in two weeks' time.

Salisbury has had an anguished summer, during which a shoulder injury and a shortage of wickets have kept him out of Test match contention. He took five wickets in an innings for the first time this season on Monday and is thought by his county, Sussex, to be in need of a break.

The England management is aware of all this, yet both the captain, Michael Atherton, and the manager, Keith Fletcher, believe Salisbury to be central to their touring strategy. Norman Gifford, the Sussex manager, is not about to discourage them.

"He's had a rough time," Gifford said yesterday, "but you have to remember he is only 23. When you bowl leg spin, confidence plays a huge part. Shane Warne's first ball of the Ashes series made him feel ten feet tall. But people forget he was thought to be bowling rubbish 12 months ago.

"Ian hears himself talked about as an England bowler and he is trying to justify it all the time. When he gets it right he is a special talent, a bowler who will win you matches at any level.

"His shoulder has worried him all season. He needs a break from the fitness point of view and he needs a break from cricket, to clear his mind. But I'm not going to say he won't be fit to tour. There is time for him to have whatever treatment and rest he needs."

Salisbury should be joined in the Caribbean by his Sussex captain, Alan Wells, who scored his fifth championship century of the season at Hove yesterday as Sussex inflicted further torture on the outgoing county champions, Essex, reaching 392 for four, with Keith Greenfield scoring his maiden championship hundred.

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Scotland recruit sponsor for rugby team

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

SCOTLAND, yet again belying its reputation for conservatism, has become the first of the home unions to adopt a sponsor for the national team: the Scottish Rugby Union announced yesterday a four-year agreement worth over £1 million with the Famous Grouse Scotch whisky company.

The Scots were the first home union to tour overseas with a national team, the first to adopt a league system and the first to design a commercial logo for the national jersey — a privilege which will not be extended to Famous Grouse who must be content with putting their bird on shorts and training kit.

Thus the country which, in 1924, refused to play the "Invincible" New Zealanders because of alleged fiscal improprieties which had occurred on the 1905 tour, now leads the way in a deal which will benefit substantially the leading Scottish players: in each year of the agreement half the money (around £100,000) will go to the international players' trust, the other half to the development of the game in Scotland.

One estimate yesterday suggested that the maximum each Scottish player might expect from promotional activities in a season of five internationals (the first against the All Blacks on November 20) would be £4,000; that sounds an underestimation unless a ceiling is put on individuals.

The players insist that they do not want to be paid for playing the game: "We do, however, feel that some recognition had to be made for the commitment which is required of the modern international player," Gavin Hastings, confirmed as Scotland's captain this week, said.

The Scots are treading ground already covered by the leading southern-hemisphere countries (both Australia and South Africa carry the names of breweries on their jerseys): "It's a positive step forward," Paul Burnell, the Scotland and London Scottish prop, said. "The players don't see the problem of being rewarded for off-the-field activities and it's a step towards what is happening in the southern hemisphere."

Leeds United and Manchester United found guilty of misconduct by FA

Wilkinson warns of overkill risks

By Our Sports Staff

HOWARD Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, made an impassioned plea to the Football Association to protect the nation's up-and-coming talent after his club and Manchester United were found guilty of misconduct by an FA disciplinary commission yesterday.

The two FA Carling Premiership clubs were found guilty after withdrawing players from the England youth team's summer tour to Scandinavia.

"The issue here is too much football," Wilkinson said. "Burn-out can affect the body's immune system and players can pick up illnesses because they are so run down. It is my opinion that youngsters in this country play too much high-pressure, competitive football which does them no good in a personal sense or in a football sense.

"And that means it does football no good in the long-term and the organisations of the game — the Football Association, the Premier League and the Endsleigh League — have a responsibility to alter that. You drive the exuberence and freshness and joy out of the game and it suddenly becomes a chore."

Wilkinson withheld five youngsters — Jamie Forrester, Mark Tinkler, Noel Whelan, Rob Bowman and Kevin Sharp — from the Scandinavian tour on medical grounds. He explained: "I spoke to the players and their parents and I decided they needed a rest.

"Had they gone away to Norway they would have only had ten days off in the whole year and that's not enough. What I did was give them a month off and the experts even say that's not sufficient."

The players were not examined by an FA doctor which put them in breach of rule 22 (b) which governs players withdrawing from international squads. Wilkinson said: "We had the players examined by our doctor but not the FA's, because I didn't realise the rule applied to youth internationals.

"But it's difficult to see how someone in 20 minutes can assess whether people have played too much football. It's taken someone like me 32 years to start suspecting that it can actually happen. If I had known about the rule, this would not have happened and everyone would have been happy. Everyone's interests would have been covered but there's been a clear communication breakdown and that's got to be more embarrassing for the FA than for me.

"The FA say we have broken a rule and that's not good for the boys concerned but I would say that their well-being and good health and their future is more important than any rule."

Wilkinson's case was supported by the Manchester United manager, Alex Ferguson, who withdrew four of his young players from the same tour. Ferguson has bitter experience of the damage that too much football can do to players.

He said: "I've had first-hand experience. In 1983 four of my players in the European Cup Winners' Cup team were teenagers and none of them are playing today. I have to take the responsibility for that and there's no way I will make the same mistake again."

Both clubs must now wait to find out what punishment the FA decide to impose. Mike Wilmore, the FA spokesman, saying: "The charges have been proven and there will be discussions throughout the week before an announcement will be made."

Niall Quinn, the Ireland and Manchester City striker, could be the first player to leave Maine Road in the aftermath of the dismissal of Peter Reid as player-manager last week.

After a meeting with Reid's replacement, Brian Horton, Quinn said yesterday: "It seems there has been interest in me from other clubs, so this could be the time for me to make up my mind whether it's best to stay or leave. I'm not happy about what has happened here and this has brought things to a head."

Quinn, 26, signed a five-year contract with City in the summer and Horton reiterated yesterday that "we are not in the business of letting our best players go".

Tony Daley, the England winger, has been put on the transfer list by Aston Villa. Daley, 26, asked for a move after being left out of the side against Everton last night. "Daley came to see me and I agreed to let him go," Ron Atkinson said.

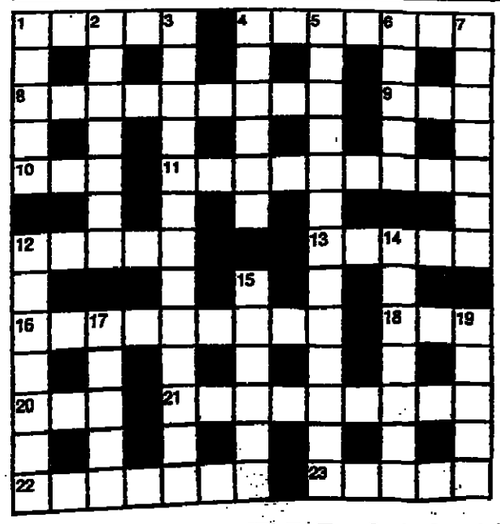
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Ferguson and Wilkinson, right, after an FA disciplinary commission had found their clubs guilty of misconduct yesterday

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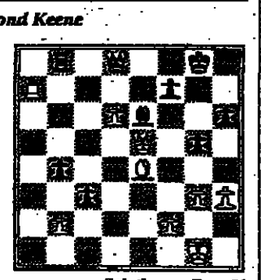
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kasparov-Browne, Banja Luka 1979. The tournament announced the arrival of a new superstar when Kasparov made his first appearance in a major international tournament and won by a convincing margin. How did he finish here? White to play.



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TELEFERIC
a. Iron-bearing quartz
b. Far-sighted
c. A cableway

CAGNOTTE
a. Bank money
b. A nightdress
c. Greek honey sweetmeat

DROPAX
a. A pretend peace
b. An executioner
c. A depilatory

PUNGLE
a. A meddlesome idiot
b. A Burmese coin
c. To contribute

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